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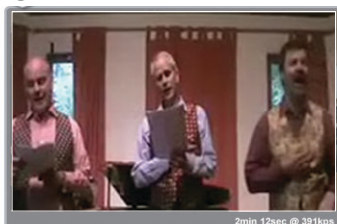
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FORMULA FOR A GOOD DADS' DAY

Formula One fans are set to flock to County Square this weekend to get up close and personal with the ING Renault F1 car.

The high-powered beast will be in the popular shopping complex on Saturday - giving dads a special treat the day before Father's Day.

EXCLUSIVE

BY ED HILL

A LEADING environment campaigner says he fears developers may ditch their green credentials as the credit crunch continues to bite.

Sean Furey, head of the local branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England says he feels the financial squeeze and possible recession may play havoc with some of the eco-friendly plans mooted for the town.

He told Yourashford: "My main worry is that if we are heading for a recession then the regeneration may grind to a halt, or developers may continue to cop-out of meeting high eco-standards. With energy prices rocketing, there has never been a greater need for more energy efficient housing and good, affordable public transport."

His comments come following reports many developers nationwide are backing out of planned developments because of the current economic climate. Higher environmental standards in new building projects also inevitably increase the costs and deter private developers.

Mr Furey said: "A key site will be the development proposed by ZED Homes on the former Powergen site. That is such an ambitious project on a difficult site. Ashford council don't want to grant planning permission only to see the thing not get built. It would leave them with a big chunk of Victoria Way not going ahead which would cause them much bigger problems."

"The economics of that proposal are going to be marginal at best, particularly a development like that which proposes a lot of flats."

"As we know the buy to let market is going belly up so landlords and property firms are not going

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Guess who's paying a quick visit to County Square

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WISE WORDS: Author Emma Higgins has chronicled her struggle against depression

Emma's words shine a light in the darkness

■ BY ED HILL

A WOMAN who has struggled with depression has written a book charting her journey through the condition.

Emma Higgins's book *Pebbles On The Beach* reaches the shops this week.

Mrs Higgins, from Grasmere Road, Kennington, said: "I have had depression for a long time. I felt compelled to do this. I have written poems since I was little – it was easier than talking about it."

"It got to the point where I had so many that my husband said I should put them in a book because they might help other people."

The book contains poems and diary entries expressing the author's day to day feelings throughout her illness.

Mrs Higgins said: "Writing my feelings down has helped me a lot because it is a way of getting things out. You tend to hide things away and not tell anyone."

"Now the book is being published I am a bit nervous about what my family and friends' reaction will be because it is out there for everyone."

Depression has plagued Mrs Higgins throughout her life.

She said: "It has always been there and I think it always will be. I just hope the book will help people feel they are not alone. There are an awful lot of people suffering with the problem."

Mrs Higgins believes anyone can be affected by depression at any time in their lives.

She said: "Someone can go through the whole of their life and it will suddenly hit them – young, old, anyone can be affected."

"At the moment things are easier, but I know that at any time I could go back down again. There is no guarantee that it is over."

Mrs Higgins said treatment for her condition in Ashford has been good and she has always been quickly referred for help, but the process of getting the book published has taken determination.

She said: "I wrote to about 30 publishers and got a lot of rejections, but finally one agreed to publish it."

"It didn't hit me until I was actually holding the book in my hand – now it is real."

Pebbles On The Beach will be in Waterstone's and is available on Amazon or on the Olympia publishers website.

Developers insist they're committed

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to be buying lots of flats off plan."

But developers ZED Homes say there are no plans to scale back on their ambitious green scheme yet, although the project has been called in by the Secretary of State.

Ameeta Sharma from ZED Homes said: "If we are successful with our application we will continue to deliver this scheme for the community of Ashford."

"This will be an environmentally sustainable development up to code six on energy."

"We have always understood the market will fluctuate. This is a phased development so we will have time to implement it in an economically sustained way."

Housing association firm Southern Housing Group insisted they were committed to sustainable new sites.

Spokeswoman Karen Bermingham said: "We are reliant on the developers but we have a commitment to building homes that people want to live in."

"Our commitment to sustainable housing is as strong as ever. Because we are such a large group we do have the power to insist our developers build what we require."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Schools to close if don't improve

THREE secondary schools in the district could face closure under new government plans to improve results.

The North School, Towers and Christ Church are all under threat of being shut down in a bid to improve GCSE results, to ensure at least 30 per cent of pupils achieve five good grades including in English and maths.

The £400 million plans have targeted 33 schools in Kent, including the three in Ashford, for improvement and could see them closed down and reopen in a joint partnership with higher-quality schools, a business or university.

Chris Wells, KCC cabinet member for children, families and educational achievement said: "The last set of targets to be set by Government in this area was achieved by Kent schools with a year to spare."

"We are expecting enormous progress in achieving the latest targets with this summer's results."

"Kent has been working hard to improve these results before Mr Brown and Mr Balls dreamt them up."

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A creative addition to summer of sound

■ BY ED HILL

THE explosion in music festivals in the county continues next month after organisers of a free event in Victoria Park confirmed a line-up of top local talent.

The Create Festival will mark its 13th year on July 27, with 5,000 music fans getting to enjoy some of the best local bands perform.

And a blast from the past will be topping the bill with the 21st Century Stones, a tribute act to Sixties veterans the Rolling Stones ensuring the crowd get their satisfaction.

The event is part of Ashford Summer Sounds organised by the borough council and sponsored by English Partnerships.

Chris Dixon, arts project coordinator for Ashford council, said: "Create is back, bigger and better, with great local bands playing. More than 100 bands applied and we had a tough time narrowing down the entries."

Running from noon until 8pm, 5,000 people are expected to attend the event which will also include a stage for emerging bands and rock and DJ workshops throughout the day.

Among the bands performing on the main stage will be the hugely popular Los Salvadores, whose members hail from Ashford, Maidstone and Sittingbourne.

Frontman Gareth Arnold said: "Create will show what a strong line-up of talent there is in the Ashford area. This gig will be a real step up for us, we haven't played in front of such a large crowd before."

The six-piece, play a mix of styles including punk, ska, jazz and hardcore.

The Kent music scene has seen an unprecedented flowering of festivals this summer.

Mr Arnold said: "There's suddenly been this big increase in festivals in Kent, which is



Picture TIM CHURCHILL

POWER PLAY: Los Salvadores will be performing to 5,000 music fans at the Create Festival in Victoria Park

great. It is making the county a real destination for music fans."

Other bands on the main stage are One Day Elliott, Springtide Cavalry, ShyChlo and the Boys, More Than Normal, D-Finitive, Dolan's Cadillac, St Peter's Band, Under the Thumb and soloist John Wood. Other events this year

included last weekend's Sellindge Music Festival and the Zoo8 extravaganza in Port Lympne in July.

For more about the Create Festival, visit www.myspace.com/createfestival.

Los Salvadores have a website at www.los-salvadores.co.uk.

Health minister gives go-ahead for hospital

PLANS for a new £13 million community hospital in Kings Avenue have been given the government's stamp of approval.

The announcement was made yesterday by the Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust after getting the nod from the Health Minister. It will see the Old Ashford Hospital site redeveloped and ready for use by June 2011. Amanda Harrison, director of strategic development at the PCT, said: "This site development offers a great opportunity to provide more treatments in community settings, so that people won't have to travel to an acute hospital site as they often need to now."

"A community hospital or health centre as we prefer to call it, is a local health facility which enables people to receive most of the day-to-day treatments such as X-ray, scans, blood tests, minor injuries and illnesses, outpatient appointments, post and antenatal care, outpatient rehabilitation, physiotherapy and speech and language therapy. It is also possible that some minor surgery may be provided."

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They cycled from Land's End to Ashford. Search 'firemen'.

Shaping the future with partnership

MORE than 150 groups and organisations have been approached to have their say on the borough's future.

Ashford Partnership – which was formed in response to the Local Government Act 2002 to promote the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the area – has written to the public and private organisations to help shape the borough's new community strategy.

David Hill, the chair of the partnership and chief executive of Ashford council, says he is keen to hear the views of others.

He said: "The next few years is a critical time for the borough as it faces many challenges and opportunities which, if they are to produce benefit for all, will need everyone to share a common vision and purpose."

All feedback is requested by July 11 with a view to a new sustainable community strategy being adopted in the autumn.

For further details on how community groups can be involved in the process, contact Ian Bailey on 01233 330689 or email ian.bailley@ashford.gov.uk.

Dame Kelly will help complete steps to China

YOUNG people who have been walking the equivalent of 10,000 miles – the distance from the UK to China – are due to take their final steps on the journey at the Julie Rose Stadium on Saturday, alongside one of the nation's best-loved athletes.

They will be accompanied by Olympic golden girl Dame Kelly Holmes who secured titles in the 800m and 1,500m at the Athens Games, four years ago.

The Steps to Beijing project was launched as a prelude to this year's event in the Chinese capital which has its opening ceremony on Friday, August 8.

Kent County Council's sports college network was behind the project which was set up to encourage children to get more active.

Every week four students at each

of the county's 14 sports colleges have been monitoring the distance they have travelled.

Over a 16-week period they have attempted to walk in total the 10,140 miles which is the distance between Kent and Beijing.

The final steps will form part of the overall opening ceremony of the finals of the Kent School Games which will also feature a speech by KCC leader Paul Carter and an address by Dame Kelly, who lives in Hildenborough, near Tonbridge.

The Kent School Games is the first such event of its type in Britain and was launched last November.

About 30,000 young people from the county's schools have been competing in 14 sports building up to the finals which start to take place at the Julie Rose Stadium on Saturday.

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NEWS IN BRIEFSenses stimulated with
help from rugby charity

GUESTS from rugby charity Wooden Spoon officially opened a special sensory room and activity garden at the Caldecott Foundation in Smeeth last week.

The new facilities – funded by a £30,000 grant from Wooden Spoon – are for young residents of Summer House, a specialist nurture unit at Caldecott for children aged between five and 10.

Samantha Scott, Caldecott's head of fundraising, said: "We rely on donations to provide the vital extra equipment and facilities which are so important to what we do."

Radio show brings bit of
magic for comedian

SHOOTING Stars funnyman Bob Mortimer is to host his own show on BBC Radio Kent on Saturday.

The comic, who used to write with his TV co-star Vic Reeves in premises in Ashford's Lower High Street, will fill in for Pat Marsh who will be on leave. The show is between 10am and 1pm.

Mr Mortimer said: "I fell in love with radio when I was young, it was the only way you could listen to songs your parents didn't approve of and that's what has always made radio a bit magic for me."

Art school displays its
fair trade credentials

ASHFORD School of Art and Design will be holding its end of year show on Friday.

The event is in its fourth year and is expected to attract over 2,500 guests. It is being opened by the director of Tate Britain, Dr Stephen Deucher.

This year the show has taken on the theme of fair trade and has received support from the Co-operative Group. The private view runs from 6.30pm to 9.30pm at the Henwood campus.

Beauty spot marred by
burnt-out Honda Civic

POLICE are seeking information about a burnt-out car left at a local beauty spot.

The car was found at the camping area next to Singleton Lake in Bucksford Lane. The blue Honda Civic, which was estimated to be worth about £700, was destroyed by the fire. The car was torched at about 2.30am on May 31.

Police would like to speak to anyone who has information. Call 01303 289180 or Crimestoppers 0800 555111.

Agony as
works of
art stolen

UP-and-coming artist Richard Collett has been left devastated after three of his works were stolen in a night-time raid on a top London gallery.

Mr Collett, from Park Farm, was given the chance to exhibit at the Battersea Arts Centre as part of a major showcasing of talent.

But thieves broke into the premises and made off with a number of works including 'Seaview from Dymchurch', 'Louise with Scarf' and 'Louise in Light'.

And to make matters worse the paintings – worth a total estimated at around £1,200 – were not insured.

Mr Collett, who has a studio in Folkestone, said: "It is devastating. They were originals and each could have fetched over £400."

Police believe the paintings

■ BY NICK AMES

were most likely stolen to order and could be in the hands of an unscrupulous collector on the continent.

The unlucky artist added: "I emailed the police some jpegs of the paintings to help them but I haven't heard anything back yet."

"It makes sense the paintings would go abroad as it would be extremely difficult to exhibit stolen works of art in this country."

"Needless to say if anyone does recognise my work hanging on a wall somewhere they should contact the police."

"It was extremely upsetting for me as I was delighted when I got the chance to exhibit as that is not a particularly easy thing to do."

"The particular exhibition is a good one for me as it allows artists to come face to face with buyers and talk to them about their work."



ABROAD?: Louise in Light (main), Seaview from Dymchurch, and Louise in Scarf (inset) are the three works created by Richard Collett which were stolen in Battersea

"But this has obviously spoilt it all for me."

They had formed part of the exhibition which was part of the Battersea Contemporary Art Fair, now in its 16th year.

It allows buyers to view work up close and meet artists and has a reputation for allowing new talent to surface – as well as cutting out middle men and agents to

make it easier to sell and buy work.

The break-in was the first ever recorded at the venue.

Organiser Maria Newton said: "Police have been looking at our CCTV footage but it is still unclear how the intruders gained access."

"It was a highly select theft, with only five paintings stolen."

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Minister tours Stanhope

STANHOPE received a visit from a top government minister last week as part of its on-going £200million redevelopment.

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Reporter Ed Hill was there to see Iain Wright MP, the parliamentary under secretary at the Department of Communities and Local Government.

The minister was given a tour of the estate as the project is seen as a landmark scheme for other similar housing estates around the country. The 30-year Private Finance Initiative deal

was signed last year by Ashford council with the Chrysalis consortium and is being managed by the Moat Housing Association.

Mr Wright said: "Ashford is a key growth area for the government's housing and regeneration plans, which is why the government will invest a further £22m for the next 3 years."

"We are working together to improve existing homes and communities and it is good to see what is being achieved through housing PFI in Ashford."

"I wish I could clone what is going on here in Stanhope across the rest of the country."

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HITS: The Incredible Hulk is just one of the many releases set to fuel a boom in ticket sales this summer

England own goal sees cinema score

■ BY ED HILL

BOSSES at the Cineworld complex say they are looking to cash in on England's absence from the Euro 2008 tournament – and a host of summer blockbusters.

Audiences visiting the Eureka Leisure Park site are set to rocket as football fans flock to catch the latest releases – free from enduring the normal highs, and inevitable lows, of following the national team in a major competition.

Traditionally, takings at cinemas dip when England are in action, but with no British team in the football extravaganza, movie houses are bracing themselves for a rush.

And with the likes of Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull already sending box-office takings soaring, the outlook is sunny.

Luke Roberts from Cineworld told Yourashford: "Here at Cineworld we're looking forward to a very busy summer with some great blockbusters coming out including the Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian, The Incredible Hulk, Mamma Mia! and Wanted."

The Incredible Hulk has been described as a 'sort of sequel' to the Ang Lee movie which was released in 2003. This time Edward Norton stars as Doctor Bruce Banner, the man whose temper turns him a rather natty shade of shirt-ripping green.

Mr Roberts said: "They felt that that the

Blockbusters heading our way this summer

Indiana Jones – out now
Incredible Hulk – June 13
Prince Caspian – June 26
Wanted – June 27
Mamma Mia! – July 11
The Dark Knight – July 25



film version that was made a few years ago was a bit of a flop and so they decided to make another version. It has a different director and it basically starts off from the point where the other film finished. They have changed all the cast and the director. We're expecting it to perform very well over the summer."

And that's not all. Another superhero returns to the silver screen just in time for the school holidays.

Mr Roberts added: "We also have the eagerly anticipated Batman: The Dark Knight, coming to screens at the end of July."

Website has all the latest releases

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Ambitious £5m plans for care centre given planning green light

THE council planning committee has approved the application to build an intermediate care centre in the grounds of the William Harvey Hospital.

As reported in last week's Yourashford the new £5 million private facility will offer specialist care for the elderly recovering from joint surgery and dementia.

The building will contain 84 beds and is seen as a key way of freeing up bed space and enhancing the recovery of elderly patients.

Intermediate care is designed to allow patients to get out of hospital quickly and into another environment for the rest of the rehabilitation.

It is hoped it will also cut down the number of patients having to go into care homes by getting them back to health so they can return home.

The building will be run by Hyten Services and create more than 100 jobs.

It will accept patients referred to it by the primary care trust, social services and private patients.

Tandoori promises to cook up some magic

THE Kennington Tandoori will be staging an Indian food-tasting event in the town centre tomorrow (Thursday).

Ash Miah from the restaurant in Faversham Road said: "It is going to be a great. We are going to have kids from the catering department at the Towers School."

"We will be having a guy performing close-up magic and there will be lots of different dishes on offer for people to try. We will also be collecting money for charity, for young children with disabilities."

"Anyone who walks past can feel free to try some of the food."

The event will run from 10am to 4pm in the Lower High Street.

Diner crowns top band

WHAT The Hell?! proved they had what it takes by winning the Downton Diner's Rising Stars Battle of the Bands competition earlier this month.

The competition began in February to find some of the hottest young musical talent around the town and was held regularly on Sunday evenings.

What The Hell?! won the closely fought contest – polling 27.7 per cent of the audience's votes.

The runners up were A Boy Named Girl with Man Eat Monkey third and Under the Thumb fourth.

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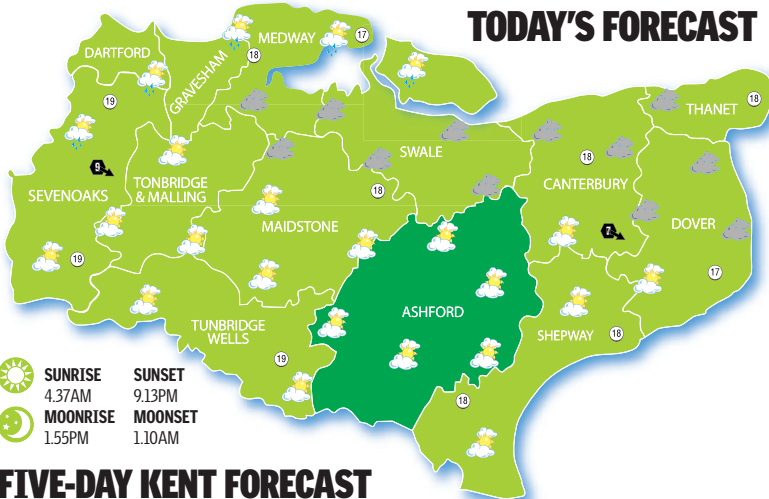
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Ashford	23°C	18°C	15°C	16°C	16°C	Gravesend	24°C	20°C	16°C	17°C	17°C
Canterbury	20°C	19°C	15°C	16°C	16°C	Maidstone	24°C	20°C	16°C	17°C	17°C
Chatham	20°C	18°C	15°C	16°C	16°C	Ramsgate	20°C	19°C	15°C	16°C	16°C
Dartford	24°C	20°C	16°C	17°C	17°C	Rochester	20°C	18°C	15°C	16°C	16°C
Dover	18°C	17°C	14°C	15°C	14°C	Sevenoaks	22°C	18°C	14°C	15°C	15°C
Faversham	20°C	18°C	15°C	16°C	16°C	Sittingbourne	20°C	18°C	15°C	16°C	16°C
Folkestone	18°C	17°C	14°C	15°C	14°C	Tonbridge	24°C	19°C	16°C	17°C	16°C
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WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

Chatham	Saturday	8:30am	5.2m
	Sunday	9:33am	5.1m
Dover	Saturday	6:57am	5.5m
	Sunday	8:00am	5.5m
Dungeness	Saturday	6:44am	6.0m
	Sunday	7:48am	6.0m
Ramsgate	Saturday	7:27am	4.1m
	Sunday	8:30am	4.1m
Sheerness	Saturday	8:18am	5.0m
	Sunday	9:21am	5.0m
Whitstable	Saturday	8:23am	4.6m
	Sunday	9:27am	4.6m



AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	25°C	Madrid	14°C
Athens	26°C	New York	33°C
Barcelona	21°C	Paris	26°C
Beijing	28°C	Rome	23°C
Bombay	26°C	Sydney	17°C
Cape Town	19°C	Tenerife	23°C
Cardiff	18°C	Tokyo	22°C
Gibraltar	21°C	Vancouver	12°C
Hong Kong	30°C	Warsaw	29°C
Las Palmas	25°C	Wellington	14°C

Water firm to unveil plans for new reservoir

PROPOSALS to flood an area of land in order to build a reservoir are to be displayed across the county by South East Water.

The company, which serves 1.97 million customers across the area, says new supplies are essential if the shortages of recent years are not to be repeated.

A drought existed in the region served by the company – which includes much of Kent – from 2005 to 2007.

So, plans have been put forward by the company to guarantee supplies until 2035.

They call for a new reservoir to be built near Canterbury by 2024 and facilities for further reserves in Surrey to be constructed.

The are to be developed in Kent is near to Broad Oak, which is on the Sturry Road out of Canterbury.

Together the reservoirs will supply 77 million litres of water every day – a figure which combined with other developments such as more exploitation of underground supplies will cope with an estimated expanded population increase to 2.3 million.

A roadshow detailing the proposals is set to tour the area and will be on display at the Abode Hotel, Canterbury, on June 16. It will move to Park Mall Shopping Centre, Ashford on June 18 and Maidstone Town Hall on June 20.

Summaries of the plan are available at libraries across the county and comments from residents of affected areas are welcome.

Other projects by the company include reducing individual use through greater efficiency of supplies, reducing leakage, developing new underground sources and building new pipelines.

After the public has had its chance to have a say final proposals are expected to be published next summer.

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19.15-20.00 **Body Step**
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STUDIO 2

06.45-07.30 **Begin to Spin**
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17.00-17.45 **Vibe Cycle**
18.00-18.45 **Spin**
19.00-20.00 **Beginners Yoga**
20.00-21.00 **Pilates**

AQUA

10.30-11.15 **Aqua**
19.00-19.45 **Aqua**

SPECIAL INTERESTS

10.00-11.00 **Plan B**

tuesday

STUDIO 1

09.30-10.30 **Total Body Blast**
10.30-11.00 **Killer Core**
12.30-14.00 **Yoga**
17.45-18.15 **BTS Clinic**
18.15-19.00 **Legs, Bums & Tums**
19.00-20.00 **Body Combat**
20.15-21.15 **Body Balance**

STUDIO 2

06.45-07.30 **Spin**
09.30-10.15 **Vibe Cycle**
10.30-12.00 **Yoga**
17.00-18.00 **Vibe Cycle**
18.15-19.00 **On The Ball**
19.15-20.15 **Vibe Cycle**
20.30-21.15 **Spin**

AQUA

09.30-10.15 **Aqua**
11.30-12.30 **Swimfit**
19.00-19.45 **Aqua**

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wednesday

STUDIO 1

06.45-07.30 **20/20/20**
09.00-09.30 **BTS Clinic**
09.30-10.30 **Body Pump**
10.30-11.30 **Legs, Bums & Tums**
11.30-12.30 **Body Balance**
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09.30-10.30 **Freestyle Step**
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AQUA

09.30-10.15 **Aqua**
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thursday

STUDIO 1

09.30-10.45 **Chi Ball**
11.00-12.00 **Pilates 1**
12.00-13.00 **Dance Style Aerobics**
13.45-14.45 **Pilates 2**
18.00-19.00 **Body Combat**
19.15-20.15 **Body Pump**
20.30-21.15 **Circuits**

STUDIO 2

06.45-07.45 **Spin**
09.30-10.30 **Vibe Cycle**
15.30-17.00 **Yoga**
18.00-19.30 **Yoga**
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AQUA

09.30-10.15 **Aqua**
18.45-19.30 **Aqua**

SPECIAL INTERESTS

19.00-20.00 **Plan B**

friday

STUDIO 1

06.45-07.30 **Boxacise**
09.30-10.30 **Body Step**
10.45-11.30 **Fitness Yoga**
11.45-12.30 **On The Ball**
12.30-13.30 **Mind, Body & Soul**
18.00-19.00 **Body Combat**
19.00-20.00 **Salsacise**

STUDIO 2

09.30-10.30 **Pilates 2**
10.30-11.30 **Body Combat**
11.30-12.00 **Power Stretch**
13.15-14.00 **Spin**
18.00-19.00 **Pilates 1**

AQUA

09.15-10.15 **Swim fit**
10.30-11.15 **Aqua**
18.30-19.15 **Power Aqua**

saturday

STUDIO 1

08.15-09.15 **Boxacise**
09.30-10.30 **Body Pump**
10.45-11.45 **Body Balance**

STUDIO 2

08.15 - 09.00 **Vibe Cycle**
09.30 - 10.30 **Vibe Cycle**

AQUA

10.30-11.15 **Aqua**

sunday

STUDIO 1

09.15-10.15 **Beginners Yoga**
10.30-11.30 **Body Pump**
11.45-12.45 **Pilates 1**

STUDIO 2

09.00-10.00 **Spin**
10.00-10.30 **BTS Clinic**
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QUESTION & ANSWER

SEAN FUREY



Q&A

Sean Furey, deputy director of the Kent branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, based at Evegate, near Smeeth, talks to **Ed Hill** about the variety of issues facing our countryside.

Q How did you first get into campaigning on countryside issues?

A I've been interested in the environment since school; geography was the only subject I was any good at. I've travelled, worked and led expeditions in some amazing parts of the world, but it is in the English countryside where I feel most at home.

Q What do you think of the general development that is happening to the town? Is it sustainable?

A There are a lot of exciting things planned for Ashford and it's good to see some start to take shape. The Willesborough Dykes wetland park project is particularly exciting and CPRE Kent is proud to be supporting it.

My main worry is that if we are heading for a recession the regeneration may grind to a halt, or developers may continue to cop-out of meeting high eco-standards. With energy prices rocketing, there has never been a greater need for more energy efficient housing and good, affordable public transport.

Q What would you say to the charge your group is just a mouthpiece for Nimbyism?

ACPRE is a charity that is wholly funded by its members. People join because they want a strong, independent voice on countryside, environment and planning issues. All too often, elected members let down their constituents by getting bogged down in party politics, or they get lured by promises of new jobs, whatever the cost. We support local groups

and individuals where proposals are clearly wrong, not just for local reasons, which are often valid, but also on wider environmental, social and economic grounds as well.

Q Two proposals at present are creating a lot of controversy close to Ashford. The lorry park and the anaerobic digester plant. Do you feel this area is deliberately targeted? What do you think of both proposals?

A I think it's an unhappy coincidence for the residents of Sellindge, in particular. This area hasn't been deliberately targeted – we are seeing massive planning proposals all over Kent: Thanet, Maidstone, Canterbury, Romney Marsh. Have a look at our website, www.cprekent.org.uk, to get an idea.

The lorry park is a desperate solution to a much larger problem of fast-growing and highly polluting freight transport coming through Kent and to the UK generally. The quick-moveable barrier system being installed at the moment should be tested before we start talking about lorry parks. The danger is if KCC can't get their 'Britdisc' idea to fund their plans, then they may be tempted to turn to private finance from companies who will want a tidy profit from building on our countryside.

The anaerobic digester is a good technology proposed in the wrong place, as it poses a serious pollution risk to watercourses and groundwater. It is in the headwaters of the River East Stour, in an ecologically sensitive area. It is a speculative planning application that must be refused as quickly as possible.

Congratulations must go to the hundreds of

people who turned out for the march on May 3, and the tireless volunteers who organised it.

Q What are the best alternatives to landfill rubbish disposal that do not impact on the countryside?

A Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. In a sustainable economy there is no waste, only renewable resources. If the rest of the world used resources like we do in Ashford we would need over three Earths to keep going. Unless someone finds a couple of planets on e-bay, we had better use the one we have more sensibly.

Q Can modern technology be the answer to some of the problems we are facing environmentally?

A Yes. Technology is great, along with good science, sound economics and inclusive democracy. However, while we often use technology to solve problems, it has a nasty knack of creating un-intended consequences. Fossil fuels are the best example: without them we'd probably still be a small farming society with an average life-expectancy of 35 (that would mean my time is almost up), instead we have the wonderful and terrible globalised society of today that is thrusting us into a very uncertain future.

Q What else are you working on?

A I'm looking at how climate change is likely to impact Kent and what we can do about it and I also help with Wye Community Farm, which is growing in more ways than one.



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It's full speed ahead

DEVELOPMENTS in the borough will continue to "motor on" despite the pressures of the credit crunch, according to the woman tasked with the job of spearheading the town's regeneration programme.

Judith Armitt takes over as managing director of Ashford's Future on Friday and dismissed fears expressed in some quarters the town may suffer in the wake of the credit squeeze.

Mrs Armitt was former head of the £9 billion Thames Gateway project, before resigning from the £100,000 job in December, a little less than a year in the post.

Also a former chief executive of Medway council, she said she expected both the Thames Gateway and Ashford to continue to progress while some other regeneration projects could be hit by the credit crunch.

She said: "We will have to wait and see what happens in terms of all growth areas, whether all those [areas] identified for growth will all take off immediately.

"Those that are well-established, like Ashford and the Thames Gateway, will continue to motor on. They are not in competition with each other."

Ashford's Future is a partnership between the local council, government agencies and

■ BY PHIL REILLY

others from the public and private sector. It is tasked with delivering regeneration across the borough.

The council says the appointment is a 'major milestone' in the town's development programme, which includes the creation of 28,000 new jobs and 31,000 new homes by 2031. Around £2.5bn of public and private sector money is expected to be invested in the borough.

Mrs Armitt insisted the future was bright for the town and said when the high-speed rail line, due to open next year, goes live it would make a "fundamental difference" to the town.

She also believes important work to improve its infrastructure was already going ahead.

The link will cut the travel time to London to 37 minutes.

She added: "We have been talking about it for ages, but it is only next year now. I think people underestimate how much difference it will make.

It gives opportunities not just for work but for investment in Ashford and around the county.

She also said it was not "terrifically likely" that Eurostar would withdraw more services from Ashford International and said that as the town expands she expects to see more services return.



POSITIVE: Judith Armitt leading Ashford's regeneration



Plan to fill holes in dental services

DENTIST services across the east of the county are set to be boosted with plans in place for further investment.

It is hoped the new steps will ensure there are no gaps in the coverage provided for dental care and ensure patient care is maintained across the region.

The Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust (PCT) spends £32 million a year on dental services and has recently upped funding by a further £1.5m.

It has placed a tender advert in specialist trade publications in a bid to provide NHS dentistry services for Canterbury, Ashford, Dover, Folkestone, Sittingbourne, Broadstairs, Cliftonville, Eastchurch and Whitstable.

The PCT is expressly asking the extra dental services to be provided are in premises in central locations for easy patient access.

The PCT has in place an arrangement with its Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) to co-ordinate all patient inquiries about NHS dentistry and direct them to their nearest available dentist. The telephone number is 0800 085 6606.

The PALS service maintains an updated list of availability of both emergency slots and which dentists are taking on new patients. If a dentist leaves the NHS the PCT will either ask another practice to provide the service or put the contract out to tender to ensure patients are not left without a dentist.

It all follows a recent £2m cash injection in orthodontic – specialist dentistry – treatment, and extra investment for people who cannot easily access high street dentists, such as special needs patients.

...and house builders have faith in town too

CONFIDENCE in Ashford's growth plans remain high according to developers, even though the property market across the UK remains volatile and the credit crunch continues to bite.

Analysts say the prospect of the high speed rail link with its 37-minute journey time to London – set to start in November 2009 – is a major factor in the positive prospects.

Town planners also vowed that bleak short-term housing market prospects would not hit the plans to build 31,000 new homes by 2031.

Hillreed Homes has been involved in new properties in the town for the past 20 years and also built the Singleton Centre commercial shopping facility.

Marketing director Dean Markall said: "Ashford has always done well due to its geographical location and competitive house prices. With anticipation of the new fast train links, easy access to the Continent and the beautiful surrounding countryside we feel the town will continue in its popularity."

Estate agents Your Move is equally optimistic.

Jacqueline Davies area sales director said: "The property market in Ashford still remains buoyant, particularly in relation to properties at the lower end of the market. As a result we are seeing a very active lettings market."

Cllr Paul Clokie, chairman of Ashford's Future, said: "The current housing downturn is unlikely to affect the planned expansion of Ashford in the long term."

"We have a 30-year growth period and there are bound to be fluctuations in the market which will affect the speed of growth during this time."

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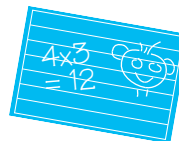


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Some of the more unusual places the eggs visited were the supermarket and the beach. One of the eggs even managed to make it as far as Disneyland Paris.

Each child received a certificate and all participants were given a ticket to join in the raffle for a cuddly teddy bear donated by Barnardo's.

Becky Laslett from the school said: "We are really proud of the children; they did so well with their fundraising."

Club funding boost

HAMSTREET Primary School has managed to maintain funding for its Schoolfriends after-school club.

The service provides affordable after-school care for children between 3pm and 5.30pm allowing parents more flexibility when it comes to collecting their children from school. The school also successfully bid for new equipment for the service.

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Pedal power pupils aim to match Tour of Africa

BY ED HILL

SCHOOLS across the borough are taking part in an event to 'virtually' ride the length of Africa.

Held over 20 special cycling days, children using two wheels to get to school will look to combine the distance they cycled to match the 11,884km route from Cairo to Cape Town.

The project is arranged by cycling charity Sustrans as part of its Bike It campaign. The group works closely with schools to help encourage children to cycle to school.

The competition got underway on Monday. The schools taking part are Highworth Grammar School, Norton Knatchbull School, Towers School, Godinton Primary School, Tenterden Junior School and St Simon of England School in South Ashford.

The schools will compete with each other over a four-week period to see who averages the highest figures.

David Robert from Sustrans said: "This will be over 20 cycling days. The schools will all compete with each other and there will also be competitions within the school between classes or learning communities. Each time someone cycles to school they accumulate kilometres which are transferred to points.

They are trying to complete 11,884km which is a re-creation



LONG WAY: Sustrans has organised a competition for schoolchildren on 20 special cycling days as part of its Bike It campaign

of the Tour of Africa which runs from Cairo to Cape Town."

The schools will have a map of Africa to show the progress they are making along the route.

Mr Robert said: "We use a clever formula that makes it an even contest between the big schools and the little schools.

"I get information about the number of pupils at the school and the formula gives me a con-

version number, so it becomes fair. Every Friday I will be able to tell them how they are doing in comparison with each other."

The winner will receive £150 worth of cycling equipment to be used by the school.

Richard Hoyte from Norton Knatchbull School said: "We are trying to get the highest percentage of our children to cycle to school in the morning compared

with other schools in Ashford.

"It is a good way to encourage more of our boys to try cycling to school."

Mr Robert said: "Even a few miles of pedal power each day soon adds up and can make a significant contribution to people's health and the environment."

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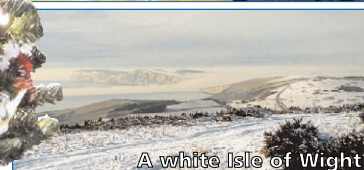


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How 'Payback' helps to reform offenders

BY ED HILL

PROBATION chiefs say figures for the numbers of successfully completed community orders in the town prove they are the most effective way to punish offenders.

At present there are 282 people in Ashford who have been issued with community orders, or as it is now called, Community Payback.

Between April 2007 and March 2008, 124 offenders successfully completed their order to carry out their community sentence. The punishment includes unpaid work for charities, schools and other organisations in the borough.

The probation service says this is well in excess of their target of 99 completions which had been set for the town.

Targets

Director of interventions at Kent Probations, Rob Verity, said: "We achieved all our government targets over the last year, for offending behaviour programmes as well as Community Payback.

"When an offender completes a programme there is good evidence to show they will have learned new skills which will enable them to stay out of trouble.

"Those that have completed Community Payback will also have developed new skills and many we supervise go on to get a job - the most important step an offender can take to lead a crime-free life."

The service also highlighted the success it has had with its drug rehabilitation programmes which it says are at the root of much criminal behaviour.

In Ashford, 20 offenders started a drug rehabilitation scheme last year. The numbers who stayed in treatment for over 12 weeks was 80 per cent, exceeding the target of 75 per cent set by the government.

Mr Verity said: "We identified the need for alcohol services in Kent last year and since then have been working with health author-



JUSTICE SERVED: Offenders issued community orders do unpaid work for charities, schools and other organisations

ities to provide alcohol treatment to try and prevent alcohol-related re-offending. The link between alcohol and crime, particularly violent crime, is clearer than with any other substance."

Offenders can be given a requirement to complete a drug rehabilitation programme as part of their community order. According to research, offenders commit 75 per cent fewer offences while on the order and reduce their spending on drugs by over 90 per cent.

Around two thirds of offenders who have a job

lose it whilst in custody. The number of offenders sustaining employment in Ashford surpassed their target by 110 per cent.

The figures have been released to coincide with a new Ministry of Justice report examining the role of community sentencing.

The service says that 60 per cent of people who complete their community work do not re-offend in the next two years. It argues this compares well to those leaving prison. Nearly 75 per cent of young offenders are re-convicted over the same time period.

Residents' trip to seaside for talk on homes

A FORUM for residents who live on estates managed by the Southern Housing Group recently took place in Brighton.

Roy Mitchell, from Stanhope, along with other residents from Ashford, attended the meeting designed to give feedback to the association's staff.

Mr Mitchell said: "It's at events such as this that residents get the chance to have their say. By doing so, residents can change the way the group sees and approaches things.

"Hopefully this will change things in a way that will benefit if not all, then at least, the majority. These focus events are just that; they focus on what can be changed for the overall improvement of services by our housing association.

"That's why I get involved, not for personal gain, but to improve the way the group looks after, treats and listens to us the residents as a whole."

The Southern Housing Group is one of southern England's largest housing associations. It was founded over 100 years ago and owns and manages 24,000 homes in the UK.

Guy Collar, Southern Housing Group's regional director said: "I know Brighton's a long way for Roy and other Kent residents to come and I appreciate the effort they made.

"I know Roy plays an active role within his community and hopefully our forum gave him the opportunity to share his views and shape the way we provide our services."

Charity tea party

A TEA party is being held at Chartham Village Hall on June 11 in aid of the Willow Foundation.

The event is being organised by Marie Twyman, 28, who has struggled with cancer.

The Willow Foundation helps young adults who are seriously ill by giving them a chance to take a break away from their treatment.

The tea party will be held between 10am-12pm. There will be a raffle with special prizes. For further information contact Marie on 07835 792160.

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Because, love it or hate it, our TV schedules will be jam packed with the action; fans will be passing their opinion on every website, the own-goals becoming something to haunt their unfortunate scorers for the rest of their lives.

Yes, ladies and gentlemen, forget Euro 2008 – Big Brother is back and there's no escape.

And, for perhaps the first time in many years, Channel 4's summer extravaganza looks like it could actually be half reasonable. Which, given the dross we have been served up in recent years, is high praise indeed.

I used to be a huge fan. In fact I could never get enough of it. Every year I would sit there and watch the increasingly awful band of attention seekers march into the house and be convinced they were the sort of people I would-

n't so much as cross the road to avoid, as cross a continent, swim an ocean and then try and find a rocket to the moon just to not catch a glimpse of them. But then, as I got to know them, they would endear themselves.

After all, the Golden Rule of Big Brother is never judge them by their opening entrances. Instead, over the course of some, sometimes awkward, weeks, we would reach an understanding. I'd watch them, show an interest, and forgive them some of their foibles. They would stop being quite so excruciating and mellow a bit until we reached a compromise and televisual fun would ensue. The wrong person would win, but who cares?

But over the last few years that agreement has been altered. Last year, for example, they entered the house and, against the better judgement of the Golden Rule, I immediately feared there was no middle ground for us. These were not normal people. These were uber attention seekers, bordering on freaks. Two weeks trying to watch left me convinced I had perhaps grown out of it. I switched off, and, to my surprise, life continued as normal. I was free and I didn't miss it.

In fact, I rather thought I would never watch again. But old habits die hard. And there was

a desire lurking somewhere for the old spark to be reignited. I was prepared to give it another go. After all, we'd grown up together hadn't we? One falling out shouldn't spoil those precious moments we'd spent in years gone by.

I remember for the very first series, a drinks firm put up a prize for the first couple to have sex in the house. I now pray there will be no forced rumpy-pumpy to endure. In fact there should be prizes for those who abstain from that sort of silliness. I want rows. I want war. I want a repeat of that series when security had to storm the place. Now that was entertaining.

Initial signs, at least, would suggest there is perhaps hope for this series. Apart from a rather freaky looking dancer and an albino ex-gang member, there were some signs of sanity and, that rarest of things of all, maybe a brain cell or two among them all.

All of which should, all being well, result in there being more to feast our eyes on than pointlessly exposed flesh. Or at least so I hope. If not I will once again be voting...by pressing the off button on my remote control.

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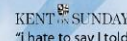
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TALK TIME

ROBYN GARDNER

The owner of beauty care firm Wye Beauty in Bridge Street, discusses how she went from Australia to Canada to Wye



How did you get into the business of beauty care?

We have been open at this salon for six months. I also have a shop in Tenterden which I have run for 24 years. I am originally from Perth in Australia; my father had skin cancer and that is what initially got me involved in skin care. These days there are very good skin products available. I would say to anyone don't risk sunbeds and try to avoid the sun. The latest thing is microdermabrasion. It's a non-invasive way of refreshing the skin. We use tiny crystals to remove lines and spots from the skin. I also specialise in red vein treatment and electrolysis.

How did you end up in the UK?

I had won a scholarship to Canada. On my way there I stopped in the UK and I just fell in love with Kent. I felt really at home here, so later I returned with a one-way ticket.

Britain has a lot of things going for it, from an outsider's point of view. It is fantastic that you are so close to the rest of Europe. It's easy to pop over to Paris or holiday in Italy. In Australia you can feel a bit isolated from the rest of the world.

How do you find Wye?

I live close by in Hastings and wanted to open a shop nearer home. Before that we had also been based at the Ashford International Hotel.

Wye is unique. The people who live here are very supportive of any business that sets up in the village. They make sure that they use it because they know if they don't the village won't have a future. They don't really want to go to Ashford or Canterbury if they can avoid it.

YOUR LETTERS



Have monorail plans reached end of the line?

Monorail could have gone long way

I also believe Ashford has lost a great opportunity if the monorail does not go ahead.

I envisaged not only a shuttle between the town centre, railway station and the McArthur Glen designer outfit but, with the open farmland and dual carriageways beyond, it would have been possible to extend the monorail down Romney Marsh Road to a station at Park Farm. Then it could go along or by the side of Bad Munstereifel Road to stations at the market, Ashford Business Park and cross the M20, at Tesco's Crookfoot, and go to the William Harvey Hospital, a distance of about seven kilometres, a route almost entirely devoid of housing.

However, it would still be possible to extend the line further to take in the Julie Rose Stadium and the two factory sites opposite (nine kilometres) and then along the back of Little Burton Estate to the Cineworld site, Warren Business Park, Sainsbury's, (12k) and then back to Elwick Road to a station near Debenhams (14km).



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This distance would probably be too expensive to have a dual track running in both directions

so all journeys would have to be one way, about a 25-minute journey with about four trains.

A monorail is relatively quick to build, the Las Vegas monorail took seven months to construct four miles of track.

D Seamon
Via email

Why do his letters go in your paper?

I am sick to death of seeing recycled rubbish letters from Ted Prangnell every week, (aka Prattnell).

In the last few years since I moved to Ashford, all the local papers print his boring comments; same old things, over and over again, about cycling, rubbish, loos in County Square, and on and on. Now it looks as if it is your turn.

Do you not get any letters from anyone else?

Jackie Bushe
Via email

Be aware of health dangers earlier

I am pleased that Yourashford has raised the issue of dangerous noise levels (Cinema sounds bad for health, May 21).

It is for this reason that I have not been to the cinema, or the Marlowe Theatre (in Canterbury) for some years.

When I visited factories, or construction sites, where noise levels exceeded 80-85 decibels, it was compulsory to wear ear defenders.

Prolonged exposure to loud noise causes irreparable damages to the cochlea and is the biggest single cause of hearing loss.

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Ted Prangnell
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Price of diesel has effects for us all

The rising price of oil on the world market during the past two years has meant that we have all suffered. Very bad news for car drivers but dire for operators of lorries and vans who move goods as part of their business. And worst of all for hauliers, whose entire business is to move other people's goods. Fuel now represents almost 40 per cent of their total operating costs. Bulk diesel prices have risen from 76p per litre last May up to 106p per litre – a 40 per cent increase in 12 months.

Diesel is the lifeblood of the economy. Everything in the supermarkets, everything in the high street, the bricks that build our homes and the beer that stocks our pubs has been in a lorry.

Sadly, the problems caused by a rising world price for oil are compounded in the UK by our ultra-high tax regime. Duty on diesel is 50p per litre compared to a European average of 25p. A single 40-tonne lorry, doing about seven miles to the gallon, faces an annual fuel bill of between £40,000 and £45,000, of which over £21,000 is tax.

The price of diesel, and the tax paid on it, impacts on the whole

population. It is an ingredient in the price of everything. That is why it is so important for the Government to change its tax strategy and reduce the level of duty paid by commercial vehicle operators.

Gordon Telling
Head of policy,
London, South East and East of England
Freight Transport Association

Climate change is long, slow process

Jackie Loughton cannot judge global warming by considering a single season (Yourletters, June 4). Global warming is measured by looking at the increase in temperature and carbon dioxide over decades.

This means recognising that since 1970 global temperatures and carbon dioxide have been rising in a manner different from their patterns over the past 650,000 years.

Human activity has added so much extra carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases to the atmosphere that our climate is changing. All available evidence shows both temperatures and carbon dioxide are increasing more quickly than ever before.

What does this mean for Kent? More extreme weather events because of more moisture in the air causing more rainfall, longer dry

spells, effects on food production, river and coastal erosion and much more spending on river and coastal defences.

We have to adapt our lifestyles to use less fossil fuels, or face the consequences of a 'runaway greenhouse effect' in which our weather becomes very challenging to living standards.

Steve Dawe
Kent Green Party

Use Father's Day to raise awareness

This month is the Everyman Male Cancer Awareness month, a time to think about the 37,000 men affected by male cancer (prostate and testicular cancer) every year.

Everyman is committed to changing that statistic and so am I. That's why I'm supporting their partnership with Debenhams, with the help of the public, hopes to raise £100,000 to fund research.

Every time you buy something from their menswear range in the lead up to Father's Day, money will be donated to find new cures for male cancer. And you can give your dad the chance to win some great prizes by nominating him as your town's Father of the Year.

David James
England goalkeeper



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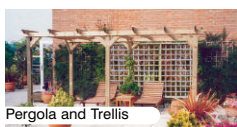


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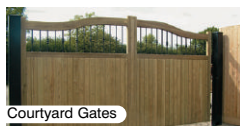


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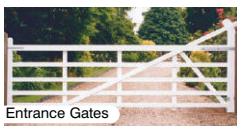


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PLATINUM: Carl and Andy Pemberton almost gave up performing after mounting debts, but X Factor gave them a new chance to succeed in music

Journey South's trek continues

Three years on for those X Factor lads on tour with their third album

JOURNEY South might have appeared to win overnight success on a TV talent show, but the reality was very different.

Brothers Carl and Andy Pemberton, from Middlesbrough, had already been gigging around the pubs of the North East for several years before their big break came along with X Factor.

They powered through to the final of ITV's talent search and won third place in the 2005 series.

Since then they have released two albums and enjoyed a sell-out 41-date national tour, with fans of the show clamouring to see them perform live.

With their good looks and great voices, the brothers have built up a large fan base and were able to have full control over their latest album Home, which was released on their own record label.

But despite their success, the

JOURNEY SOUTH

Friday, June 13
Central Theatre, Chatham



brothers have never forgotten how hard it was to make their mark before X Factor came along.

Determined to pursue a music career, Carl gave up his plumbing apprenticeship three months before he would have qualified and the pair set off to London with a caravan they had bought on a credit card.

The dramatic move inspired the duo's name, but they were soon to discover that the capital's streets were not paved with gold.

After two years of gigging, the pair had run up £20,000 of debt and made little progress in the industry.

"I think we felt like we had given it as much as we could, because we got into a lot of debt between us," Carl said. "We thought, 'when do we pull the plug?' because the amount just kept running up. In the end we just had to quit and it was heartbreaking."

Bearing in mind their previous dis-

appointments, Carl and Andy were cautiously optimistic when they made it through the first round of X Factor's auditions.

They became a favourite with the viewers and judges, winning them over with strong rock anthems and fast development.

They even tamed the fearsome Simon Cowell, who signed them to Sony BMG when the show finished.

Despite losing out to eventual winner Shayne Ward, the brothers had made an impact and their musical career had a new lease of life.

Their first album went platinum and since then they have attracted interest from South Africa, Japan and the Netherlands.

Fans will have the opportunity to meet the boys at the Central Theatre, as they will sign copies of their new CD Home after the show.

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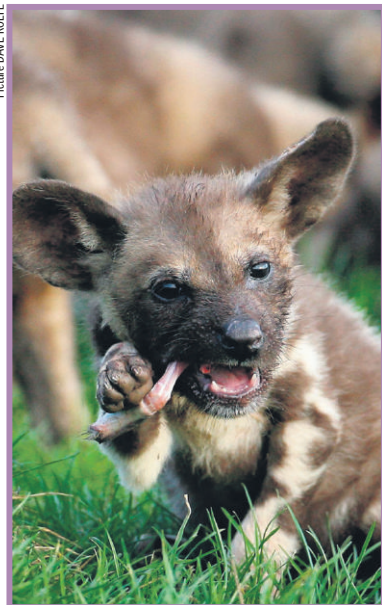
Visiting pooches may not be as exotic as the park's African hunting dog, which recently had a litter of six puppies (pictured), but there is plenty of fun on offer for both dogs and their owners.

Dogs can be entered into a variety of fun classes in the show and young owners can take part in the mile-long Waggle Walk.

The show on the Grasslands has been organised in association with Best Behaviour School for Dogs and visitors will be able to ask questions about their dog's behaviour, health and grooming.

Show entry (which is separate to the wild animal park) costs £5 for adults and £3 for children under 14.

Classes cost £1 per dog, the Hunting Dog Safari costs £5 per person and entry to the Waggle Walk is £2 minimum sponsorship per dog. For more details go online at www.totallywild.net or call 01303 264647.



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The anticipation for this acoustic super group was huge and they became one of the most in-demand bands on the scene throughout the mid to late 80s. When it was announced last year that the band was reforming, excitement grew and no acoustic



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Open studio event puts artist on his metal

METALWORKER Stephen Streeter is inviting visitors into his work space as part of South East Open Studios.

The studio at Marlow in Westwell Lane near Potters Corner, Ashford, will be open from 10am to 5pm this Friday, Saturday and Sunday and next weekend (June 21 and 22). On Saturday, Streeter will be demonstrating his work.

For more information call 07745 590428 or visit his website at www.streeterpartnership.co.uk.

User friendly weekend of rock for covers band

FANS of rock music can experience two nights of great cover versions in Ashford this week.

Dover rock band User Friendly will be performing at the George Hotel in High Street on Friday. The following night they can be seen playing at the Woolpack Inn in Church Road, Smeeth.

Find out more about the band by visiting their website www.userfriendlydover.homestead.com.

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FOR YOU TO ENJOY: The Hives and The Cribbs are two of the many great acts confirmed to play at this year's Port Lympne Wild Animal Park's Zoo Thousand festival

Fancy a festival but not the ticket price?

ZOO Thousand organisers are offering free entry, food and drinks to next month's eagerly anticipated three-day music festival.

The offer sounds too-good-to-be-true. And it is. All you have to do to claim your freebies is put in two eight hour shifts behind the festival's bars*.

A spokesman for Peppermint Bars, the firm behind the volunteer deal, said: "There is a common thread between people who attend festivals and those who work at them – we all love being part of it."

"We know it sounds cheesy but apart from striving to deliver the best bar service to the festival, above all, we want you to have a good time doing it."

"In exchange for your hard work – two six to eight hour shifts – we'll get you in free to the fes-

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

tival and provide you with a meal and two free drinks from the bar for each shift you complete."

Zoo8 takes place at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park near Ashford from Friday to Sunday, July 4-6.

Mark Ronson, The Cribbs and The Hives have been confirmed as the main headliners for the festival, taking to the stage after a host of established acts, such as Dizzee Rascal, Ash, British Sea Power, Delays, Athlete and Funeral For A Friend.

Those seeking the next-big-thing have also been catered for, with dozens of promising up-and-comers lined up to perform across six smaller stages. If you are unfamiliar with the works of Kid Harpoon, Underground Heroes, Rosemary, Tom Allalone and Brigadier

Ambrose, now's your chance to be enlightened.

A standard weekend ticket costs £99 for an adult and £50 for children aged between six and 15. Day entry costs £45 for adults and £25 for children.

Of course, entry is free for festival volunteers.

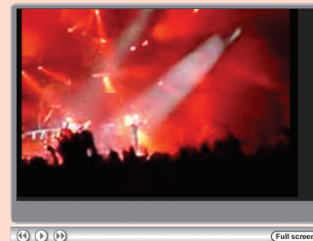
Peppermint Bars' spokesman added: "Our new registration system for 2008 has many improvements, including allowing you full control to request the exact bar and shift times you want to work online, and allowing you to come back and change your shifts any time until just before the festival."

"This means that even if you don't get the exact shifts you want at first, you can check back regularly and if a space opens up you prefer – you can switch at any time."

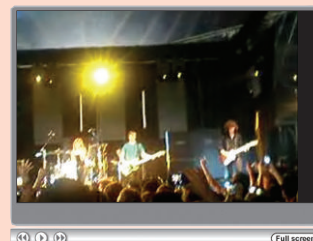
For more information visit www.zoothousand.com.

*Note to volunteer bar staff – mine's a pint.

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BIG WEEKEND: Paramore take to the stage in Maidstone



HEAVENLY: Martyn Joseph performs Invisible Angel

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Open Golf at Royal Birkdale

The Open returns to Royal Birkdale ten years on from Mark O'Meara's victory and the emergence of a young amateur, now the top golfer in Europe, Justin Rose.

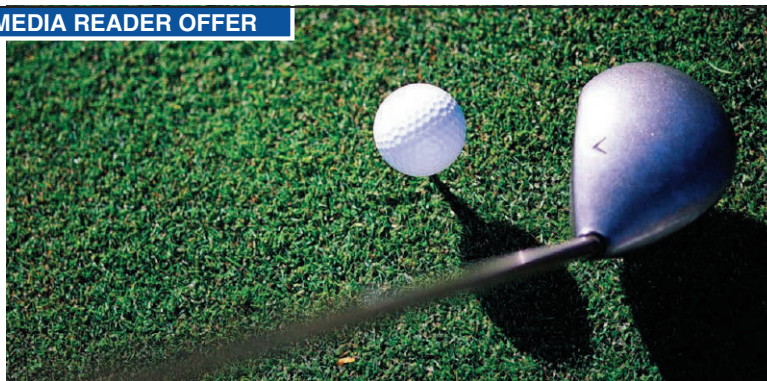
Golf's best known names including last year's victor Pdraig Harrington* will descend on Royal Birkdale, one of Britain's finest golf clubs. Having previously hosted two Ryder Cups, the Walker and Curtis Cups, the Women's British Open and, on eight occasions, the Open, Royal Birkdale is the perfect setting for the Open this summer.

The Open is golf's oldest tournament and was first held at Prestwick Golf Club in 1860 when just eight players played three rounds over a 12 hole course. Today the Championship is a top feature in the golfing calendar, attracting all the top world players competing for millions of pounds of prize money.

The Price includes:

- Two nights stay at a 3 or 4 star North West hotel
- Dinner & full English breakfast inclusive from dinner on Friday evening to breakfast on Sunday morning
- Two days admission to The Open including the final day's play
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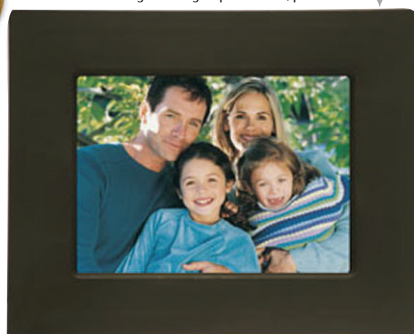
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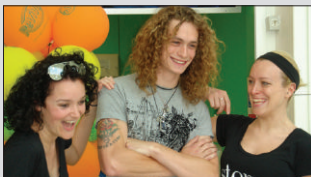
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Oliver's our model star

A FUTURE star of the catwalk was talent-spotted at the County Square shopping centre recently.

Agents from modelling agency Storm were on the hunt to find new faces for the Revive juice bar chain's advertising campaign next year. Lucky local Oliver Clark was spotted at the shopping centre as he ran his errands.

Plot out the perfect present for the planet

FOR fathers who are concerned for the environment, Healthy Planet could have the ideal present.

The initiative allows people to adopt plots of land within more than 77,000 conservation parks worldwide and receive news about how your funds are being used to protect it during the sponsorship period.

Adopters can design their own plaque on Google Earth and create a certificate to mark the adoption. Prices start at £45 for one square kilometre plot. To find out more visit www.healthyplanet.org.

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The George Foreman Indoor/Outdoor Electric BBQ Grill can cook up to 13 portions at once and can be easily moved indoors if it starts to rain. Unwanted fats drain away into a detachable drip tray for healthier eating and the grill plate can be put into the dishwasher.

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YOUR TV REVIEW

BIG BROTHER
Channel 4, week nights, 9pm

BY TOM BETTS

IT'S summer time and the most derided show ever to push its way down the tube into our homes has returned.

No matter what your view of this reality TV heavyweight is, you have to say that double B has done well to reach this, its ninth series proper.

The show's longevity is undoubtedly its real feat.

All the more remarkable considering the Shilpa Shetty racism row, the police entering the house to split up a fight and one participant (Bonnie) who couldn't even pronounce her own name – the real low point, perhaps.

Worst of all, we even had the non-event that was the Big Brother: Celebrity Hijack (did anyone actually watch after the first night?), yet still it lives.

This is TV's equivalent to the movie villain who won't die, no matter if he has been stabbed, shot, thrown off a skyscraper or subjected to a whole series of My Family.

Nor does a show divide the country in this way and for such a sustained period of time.

On the one hand you have those who hate it and everything it stands for (but who often watch anyway) and on the other hand the hordes who become a little obsessed and tune in every night requiring their fix of madness.

All fine enough, although if you find yourself actually voting then you need to start asking yourself a few serious questions.

The simple fact is that every year millions of us lap it up.

And what better way for Channel 4 to further split the country into two



HOUSE OF HORRORS: Davina McCall will be keeping an eye on the Big Brother housemates

warring factions than this year's rum bunch.

Contestants include a love-struck couple, accountant, masseuse, model, radio producer, dancer, toy demonstrator, trainee teacher, executive chef, and the usual smattering of students.

It is 93 days long, bound to be the talk of workplaces up and down the land for some months and, one suspects, still to be with us for many years yet.

Of course the cruel irony here is the contestants, every fame-seeking last one of them, will never be more well-known than when they are in the house itself and will likely have a lousy, traumatic journey as producers Endemol have promised to get tough... again.

There was even a fake marriage in week one.

Now, tough is one thing but torture – isn't that illegal?

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOU finally have a chance to slow down and enjoy an easy life. An influential contact or close friend could prompt you to try a new pastime and it will give you a big buzz. A financial setback could occur. Have faith that your cash flow will soon recommence.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

MONEY could come and go very quickly, but that doesn't bother you a bit. You consider your cash well spent as you buy beautiful things to uplift and inspire you. A friend's erratic behaviour could upset you. It's hard to know whether you should confront them or let sleeping dogs lie.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

DOING things for yourself has very little appeal this week. You're ready to do your bit on the behalf of others. Getting involved with a good cause should prove exhilarating. Don't be surprised if you're offered a leadership position. People are drawn to your warmth and generosity.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756



SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

A **PROGRAMME** of self-improvement could get rewarding. Although breaking a bad habit won't be easy, you can do it. Contrary to what you might think, people will respect your admission of weakness. They'll offer all the support you need to overcome this obstacle.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

HOUSEHOLD matters take up most of your time this week. If you've been thinking of moving, this would be an excellent time to begin your search for a new place. Take care that erratic habits don't scare anyone off. The more conservative you appear, the better.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

YOUR ability to inspire others helps you attract favourable attention. Speaking your mind to an authority figure wins their respect. They can teach you a lot, provided you're willing to rein in your ego. Upheavals at work could cause you to snap at someone you love. Think before you speak.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754



VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

YOUR drive to succeed is unstoppable. There's never been a better week to seek career opportunities. Although onlookers may not think you're competition, they have no idea how ambitious you really are. Working hard behind the scenes will help you overcome competition.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757



SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

You could find a kindred spirit in a highly educated person. This friend may prompt you to change career paths or alter your lifestyle. Don't be afraid to make changes for the sake of your own happiness. Meddlers may accuse you of being selfish, but that's because they're jealous.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760



ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

YOUR mind and heart are working hand in hand. Take care not to blurt secrets to a loved one. This person isn't trustworthy with sensitive information. Keep these impulses for yourself. You will get plenty of support to move forward with a plan you've held dear since childhood.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752



CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

A **DESIRE** for peace and quiet could prompt you to spend more time at home. An exciting earning opportunity could come your way. Getting caught up in a religious or political cause could undermine your peace of mind. Be careful where you tread.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

YOU yearn to explore greener pastures. Lately, you've been trying to synthesise the lessons you've learned over the past few months. An impassioned friend will urge you to move forward with your plans. Be sure to follow their advice. Avoid discussing controversial topics at work.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

MAKING inroads at work will give you great pleasure. It's within your reach to reform outmoded systems. Fortunately, your colleagues will back your efforts. Once your superiors see how well your efforts work, they'll realise it's pointless to go back to the original ways.

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2007 World Champion Kimi Raikkonen was the winner of last year's race in his Ferrari, beating the McLaren pairing of Lewis Hamilton and Fernando Alonso. This year Hamilton will be looking to join the elite of British drivers to win in front of the home crowd including Sterling Moss, Jackie Stewart, James Hunt, Nigel Mansell and Damon Hill.

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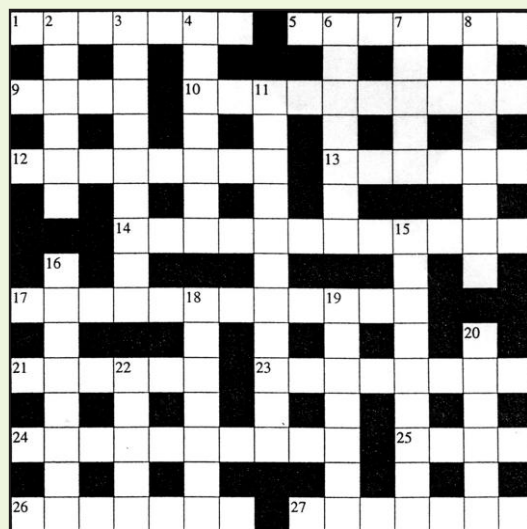
ACROSS

- 1 Moderate limit by modifications (7)
- 5 Fat soap I'd smeared on end of nose (7)
- 9 Joke from first person in France by the way (4)
- 10 Rhythmically lacking strength of character (5-5)
- 12 Win easily although not in form! (8)
- 13 Steer taking last part of the soup (6)
- 14 Suitable to become a union member (12)
- 17 Like the heavens perhaps beyond one's comprehension (4,4,4)
- 21 Sour expert has contract (6)
- 23 Improved, having been given a lift (6,2)
- 24 Lady had hen William cooked (10)
- 25 Audibly complains about dimensions (4)
- 26 Supporter of one in prayer (7)
- 27 Pip is right to be more shabby (7)

DOWN

- 2 Fashionable new flues of good purpose (6)
- 3 Metal core removed by tardy person (9)
- 4 Loud and dishonest place of amusement (7)
- 6 Lengthy time of fame first - lasting 24 hours! (7)
- 7 Queue for milk in Paris after parking (5)
- 8 Difficult to describe it in translation on screen (8)
- 11 State flower (11)
- 15 Now having put on clothes, spoke (9)
- 16 Six in London area getting into trouble with expulsion (8)
- 18 Flying body (7)
- 19 In French class welcome enclosure (7)
- 20 Crossword used to perplex (6)
- 22 Some impolite heehaw or laugh (5)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 It keeps the pot hot (3-4)
- 5 Copy (7)
- 9 Broad smile (4)
- 10 Oarsman's craft (6-4)
- 12 Refutation (8)
- 13 Ice-cold (6)
- 14 Bring back into good condition (12)
- 17 Small case (9,3)
- 21 Patterned material (6)
- 23 Energetic (8)
- 24 Final battle (10)
- 25 Dyke builder (4)
- 26 Specimen (7)
- 27 Second son of Noah (7)

DOWN

- 2 Nearer (anag.) (6)
- 3 Victor (9)
- 4 Claw (7)
- 6 Attentive (7)
- 7 Proscribed (5)
- 8 Absurd imitation (8)
- 11 Operating properly (4-7)
- 15 Imago producing woolly-bear larva (5-4)
- 16 Female pilot (8)
- 18 Desk reservoir (7)
- 19 A big one (anag.) (7)
- 20 Refreshment bar (6)
- 22 Panic (5)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

SUDOKU SOLUTIONS No39

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Director Ben's back baby back

BY ROBIN WALKER

BEN Affleck proves even the crash and burn of a high profile Hollywood romance can have a silver lining.

At the height of his tabloid-blazing relationship with Jennifer Lopez four years ago, he started writing a film script of Dennis Lehane's novel Gone Baby Gone, a harrowing thriller about the search for a missing four-year-old girl and the people it involves.

Initially he thought of it as a vehicle for Lopez, but instead it has become an acclaimed directing debut for the 35-year-old actor.

In the decade since he won a Best Screenplay Oscar with pal Matt Damon for Good Will Hunting, Ben has gone from bright newcomer to blockbuster star to tabloid fodder. It has been a bruising rise and fall that would have sunk a less-talented actor.

But the surprising thing about Ben Affleck, considering his bad choices like Gigli, is how articulate and bright he is.

Multi-lingual in Spanish and French, his all-American good looks are matched by genuine depth and he's matter-of-fact about what has happened to his career.

"The first half of the media cycle was fascination, the second half was rejection. But what I never realised is that the public don't end up blaming the magazines that write every insane, untrue story."

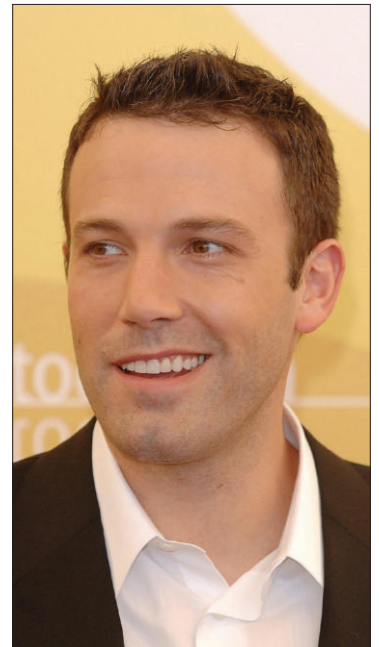
He's a different person from his public image, says Ben - who admits to being scared during his first day as director. Prior to Gone Baby Gone he'd only directed a student film.

"I'm always described as 'cocksure' or 'with a swagger'. That bears no resemblance to who I feel like inside. I feel plagued by insecurity."

While depicting the tragedy of 1950s television Superman George Reeves in 2006 film Hollywoodland went some way to rejuvenating his acting career, Gone Baby Gone has really turned heads.

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STILL HERE: Despite a career littered with highs and lows, Ben Affleck is still proving he's got what it takes

It stars Ben's brother Casey as dogged private eye Patrick Kenzie, who refuses to give up on looking for the missing child. Set in the gritty world of working-class Boston, it's full of tough miscreants and losers.

"I felt maybe this was a way to have a sense of authorship about what I was doing without having to stick my face out there," says Ben about sitting in the director's chair.

It's a film that raises all sorts of issues about how we live and treat children, he says. "At first you think the girl is a victim. Then you see the squalor the girl lives in and your heart goes out to her not only where she's been taken to but for where she used to live."

The film has echoes of the press frenzy over the Madeleine McCann case, but Ben cut back on making the media the bad guys in the film.

"I scaled back on that because Lehane really hammers the media in the book. I thought I can't do too much of this because, in a weird way, it was one of the ways my own hand might start to feel visible in the movie."

However, plans to show the film at the London Film Festival last October were put on

hold by Disney because of the ongoing McCann case.

"We just thought it was better to err on the side of discretion," says Ben. "I'm proud to be associated with a company that made a decision I thought was respectful."

Ben will return to acting in the romance comedy He's Just Not That Into You with Jennifer Aniston and Scarlett Johansson, due for release later this year.

He counts himself very lucky in a business where many people fall by the wayside. He may have taken a hefty pay cut in Hollywood terms from his \$12-million-plus-per-film heyday, but he is still paid a lot of money doing what he loves.

"I have really very little to feel sorry for myself about. People have legitimate hardships, so it's kind of petty for me to sit around ruminating about little dents in what has been a very fortunate life so far."

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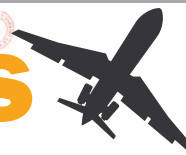
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A horse by any other name

BY ED HILL

WHEN I was asked to take a gastronomic tour of Flanders the history of the suffering of the soldiers involved in World War One sat uncomfortably with the thought of stuffing my face with the region's best food and drink, but in many ways the region is an example of the very best and worst of human civilisation.

Firstly, I should say the area is an ideal destination for someone in Kent to make a weekend break, although there is plenty to justify a longer stay.

We travelled with Norfolkline which runs ferries from Dover to Dunkerque. Ypres is less than an hour's drive from the port and makes the ideal centre from which to travel around the region.

On the way to the city we stopped to sample one of Belgium's most famous exports – beer. We began at the De Dolle Brewers (or Mad Brewer's) company in Esen.

This company was started in 1980 by two brothers, Chris and Jo Hoteller, and produces some of the region's most distinctive bottle fermented beers. Gert, the brother's 90-year-old mother, and our guide, swears by the beers medicinal properties and judging by the speed she climbed the stairs it was hard to disagree.



GOURMET: The central square of Ypres has plenty of lively cafe-bars

We then travelled to Westvleteren to sample beer brewed by the Trappist monks at Sixtus Abbey; named by one US website as being the best in the world.

In Ypres we stayed close to the centre at the Ambrosia Hotel. The town retains its mediaeval character including the impressive Cloth Hall which houses the In Flanders Fields museum. The lively town square provides a relaxed atmosphere in which to eat and drink.

The In De Zon restaurant specialises in serving some of the region's most well-known dishes.

es. I chose to eat paardenvlees (horse).

Most people in the UK may object to eating My Little Pony but to be honest I have never got on with the things, so the opportunity of eating one seemed too good to miss. In fact, unless I had been told it was equine in origin I would have assumed it was just a tender cut of beef.

We spent the next day exploring the region's bloody World War One history. Until September the In Flanders Fields Museum is holding an excellent exhibition about the many peoples and cultures from outside Europe which were involved in the war.

The countryside is dotted with cemeteries with war dead from the conflict. We visited the largest Commonwealth cemetery Tyne Cot which contains the remains of more than 11,000 men and lists the names of more than 35,000 men missing in action on its walls.

In the evening we observed the Last Post which is held at the city's Menin Gate everyday at 8pm.

We then went to dine at the Regina restaurant off the town square where we were served an excellent pigeon dish. Just to say I had not set out to eat unusual animals during my visit, that is just how it turned out.

I wondered if the next day's menu might contain weasel. In fact I was served rabbit, veal and chicken in a clear aspic jelly at the Gasthof De Kring restaurant in Poperinge.

Flanders is a region of stark contrasts. It may seem it is dominated by the history of World War One, but it has much to offer the visitor.

FACT FILE: BELGIUM

Time difference	UK + 1 hour
Capital	Brussels
Population	10.5 million
Currency	Euro
Religion	Catholic
Climate	Temperate
Language	French/Dutch/German

Holiday details

Ed Hill travelled to Belgium with Norfolkline on its Dover to Dunkerque route. The company has recently introduced three new ferries on the route. Prices start at £19 for a one-way trip for a car and up to four passengers. Visit www.norfolkline.com for more information. Other cross-Channel operators include SeaFrance and P&O. Accommodation is varied. A night's stay at the new Ambrosia Hotel close to the city centre in Ypres, costs from about 54 euros for a single, or 69 euros for a double or twin.

The In Flanders Fields Museum's Man Culture War exhibition mentioned in the article runs until September 7. Opening hours are 10am to 6pm. Adult entry is eight euros for both the exhibition and museum or five euros just for the exhibition.

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PROPERTY NEWS

It's time our value reviews went local

THE latest nationwide survey of house prices is far less important than regional studies, according to the National Association of Estate Agents.

The group says it paints an incorrect picture as it just gives an average of trends rather than taking into account area variations.

In Kent, prices have proved more resilient in the recent declining market as proximity to London and improving transport links have contributed to a better market.

Association chief executive Peter Bolton said: "The national sales figures do not tell the whole story.

"We know from our members that the picture is still very regional with some areas continuing to do better than others."

He also concluded that in terms of sales and viewing figures, as well as the decreasing gap between asking and final prices, the market was looking at becoming less fluctuating.

The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors has also been examining the figures and experts concluded the property market would begin to stabilise when the number of transactions started to increase.

Buying isn't always your best option

RENTING an upscale rural home is becoming increasingly popular for people who want to live the country life but not fork out masses of cash.

Demand for country lettings is booming, with impressive Loddenden Manor, Staplehurst, a good example of the trend.

Set in 10 acres with eight bedrooms, stables, coach house and pool, it is on the market for £2.25 million. But for £8,000 a week it is available to rent with interest and stamp duty not a factor.

Manor Farm House near Faversham is another property with the same sort of attraction to a letter.

The four-bedroom property with its own three-bed stable cottage, billiard room and gymnasium would be available for rent at £6,000 a month with Savills. But to buy it would cost £1.5 million through Strutt and Parker.

Another factor is that most country homes which are available for letting ensure that major structural repair work is the responsibility of the landlord.



ONE TO LOOK AT

A new development by George Wimpey is pointing the way to a future in homes.

The three-storey show home is packed with design ideas for summer 2008 with fresh whites and rich burgundies the predominating colours.

The contemporary townhouse design features a lounge/dining room with French doors to the rear garden and also includes kitchen, entrance hallway and guest cloakroom.

Upstairs are two bedrooms and bathroom, while the top floor is given over to a master bedroom with walk-in dressing area and en-suite shower facilities.

The home cost is £219,995 and it can be viewed at Repton Park, Ashford.

Drop in prices puts ladder within reach

■ BY NICK AMES

TIMES are tough for first-time buyers in the housing market – yet they could discover help from an unexpected source.

Those unable to come up with enough cash for the deposit on a property could receive assistance from developers.

Incentives from those with homes to sell are becoming more and more common as companies start to realise how much stock they have on their hands – and no one is rushing forward to buy it.

SmartNewHomes.com is a website which analyses properties coming on to the market.

Managing director David Bexon said: "First-time buyers across the country are benefiting from a plethora of developer incentives as house-builders try to sell remaining stock. Now is a great time to drive a hard bargain."

These incentives can include help with

deposits, legal fees and stamp duty, subsidised mortgage payments, cash-back offers or fitted kitchens and carpets included in the sale price.

David Wilson Homes is one company which has adopted a policy of assisting first-time buyers under a scheme called Head Start which has proved successful in recent weeks.

Customers are offered the option of paying 85 per cent of the purchase price of the property with funding from a bank or building society but with no deposit needed to be paid, while the remaining 15 per cent is offered as an interest-free loan by the developer.

The deferred amount is then paid back within 10 years of the purchase, or at the time of resale if this is earlier.

Meanwhile, Linden Homes South East is

offering £750 a month towards mortgage payments for the first 18 months on some of its properties in west Kent.

Other prospective homeowners have taken the decision to sit out for the time being, waiting for prices to fall even further, forcing the sellers to offer more incentives.

Moneyfacts is a financial information service which has been examining that option.

Spokesman Andrew Haggard said: "With current levels of uncertainty and volatility surrounding the mortgage industry and the housing market, maybe it's worth sitting on the sidelines.

"If property prices were to fall 15 per cent in the next 18 months – which is conservative compared with some estimates – then those itching to get their foot on the housing ladder could benefit from a double whammy of very good savings rates – which are currently at a seven-year high – and the falling cost of that elusive first property."

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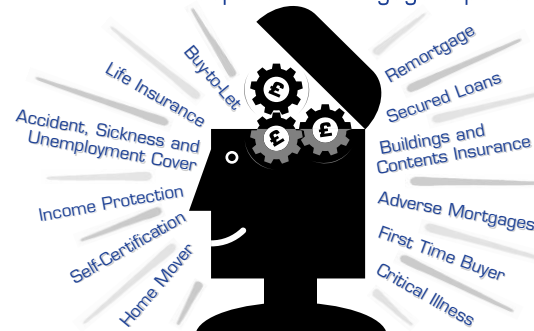
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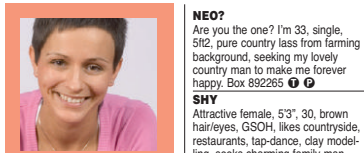


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Attractive female, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTW intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734

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Mum of 1, 5'11, blonde hair, slim, young looking, 34yrs old. I'm caring, honest, with a GSOH, I like keep fit, cinema, dancing, days out. Box 431559

R U THE 1?

Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5'13, brown hair/eyes, Tonbridge. Seeks caring, loyal male for friendship, leading to more. Box 433107

NESTLE UP

Single, kind, caring animal lover, 34, from Kent, likes cooking, cinema, theatre, most music, seeks non-smoking male 34-38 for LTR. Box 440782

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME

Single mum of 3, 37, fun-loving, great to be around, been hurt in the past, heart has been broken and needs mending. Box 908053

SEIZE THE DAY

Loving female, 36, 5'14, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

BLONDE AMBITION

Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 38, 5'6", likes cars, reading, pubs, cozy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614

ON THE WINGS OF LOVE

Tall, outgoing lady, 43, large build, newly settled in Kent, needs to spread her wings and meet a nice chap! Let's chat! Box 895908

TAKE A CHANCE

Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 441156

MY MATE, MARMITE!

Niki, 44, I'm like marmite you will love or hate me. Cuddly, outgoing, female, looking to be captured with laughter, are you brave enough? Box 894205

FOOTBALL FANATIC

Deal-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5'10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all things cricket. Box 430364

GET IN TOUCH...

I'm a 39yr old divorced Mum of 1, enjoy reading/dancing, socialising, family life, seeking kind, caring, funny male for potential LTR. Box 441051

ANIMAL LOVER?

Nurse, 37yrs, 2 kids, 5'10, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes the gym, cooking, swimming, salsa dancing, looking for a kind, caring, loyal male Box 431557

READ ME!!

Lovely single Mum, 38, 5'10, blonde, slim, loves socialising, good fun and chatty, WLTW similar male for LTR and laughter, maybe leading to fun. Box 372889

MAKE ME LAUGH

Honestly bored, professional, Tunbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTW slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box 440304

KIND IN KENT

Sincere female, quiet, friendly and genuine, 39, 5'11, looking for friendship/relationship. Likes cozy nights in, restaurants, going out, martial arts. Kent. Box 901235

GET IT TOGETHER

Kind, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4", average build, hazel puppy-dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friendship first. Box 899694

MAYBE BABY, MAYBE!

Fun-loving, vivacious lady, 41, one son, enjoys dining out, walking, cinema, romantic meals, seeking confident man with GSOH, N/S, for friendship. Kent. Box 895679

MAYBE I'M AMAZED

Young-looking/looking curvy woman, 41, looking for someone special, for nights out. Hopefully leading to something amazing and long term. Box 746761

DON'T PASS ME BY

Friendly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating out, own home/car, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 82441

SANDY SEES DANNY

Slim, petite Sandy, 46, brown hair, green eyes, no ties, loves socialising, eating out, GSOH, seeking trustworthy, honest man for partnership and mutual affection. Box 441001

LET'S EXPLORE!

Hi Chrissie, 46, bubbly, outgoing, 5'10, blue eyes, short blonde hair, divorced, large build, love travel, cinema, eating, seeks easygoing, fun-loving male for relationship! Wincheslea. Box 439580

SWEET CAROLINE

I'm Caroline, 42, single mum, likes swimming, eating out, wine bars, swimming, looking for someone for something meaningful. Box 430952

LIFE IS LAUGHTER

Professional 41yr old female, 5'9", dark hair, blue eyes, single mum, happy-go-lucky, into sports, looking for professional, tall male, for laughing and happiness. Box 430077

FROM MR WRONG TO MR RIGHT!

Kay, 43, 5'11, medium build, enjoys cinema, bowling, restaurants, foraging travel, the beach! Seeking my Mr Right, so give me a call! Box 440574

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READ ALL ABOUT IT

Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walking, swimming, travelling. WLTW N/S man to share things with. Box 429682

MOVING ON

FROM FRIENDSHIP
Hi I'm 45, 5'10, largest build, blue eyes, non-smoker/driver, mother of two (daughter 10/son 15), seeking male to share life with, walks, beaches and more. Canterbury. Box 440592

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE?

One woman, 45, no ties, one tie, honest, warm and kind. Are you tall, honest, single, motivated and genuine? If so get in touch... Box 918163

ON A PLATE

Caring, honest 46yr old female, 5'2", eyes of blue, reddish, likes cinema, theatre, walking, WLTW male for fun and friendship. Box 895928

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HAPPY GO LUCKY

Sincere, happy woman with GSOH, I'm 5'10, with short brown hair, brown eyes, I have lots of interests and WLTW similar guy. Box 895019

LOVE CANNOT BE BOUGHT

Easygoing single mum, 48, enjoys cinema, OHAC, very good sense of humour. Likes all the normal social activities. Very honest. Seeking sincere, stable, solvent man. Box 895928

WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE

Attractive youthful 48yr old single parent, lives and works in Folkestone, own home/car, a shy lady seeking stable, confident man-friend to share life with. Box 896551

JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 48, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTW genuine male, to see where life takes us. Box 895562

BEST MEDICINE

Help me write my stand-up comedy routine! I'm 49, you'll need to make me laugh out loud and understand observational comedy to make the grade. Box 892640

LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE

Bubbly, voluptuous, very warm-hearted, tactile woman, 49, looking for that special someone to share cuddles, romantic evening in/out and possible relationship. Box 440879

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ENTERTAIN ME

49yrs female, medium build, blonde, quite short, seeking tall, confident, sensual guy for regular winning, dining, loving and laughter, honest, genuine and loving. Box 438854

THE GENT OF LOVE

50 year old male, hard working, caring, divorced, looking to have that sparkle back in my life, can you provide it? Box 893611

CARING

Professional female 49, 5'14, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 45-55. Hastings. Box 417100

FUNNY GIRL

Petite, blonde female, 50, GSOH, likes music, books, cooking, looking for romantic soulmate, 40-55, for TLC. Kent. Box 835181

SMART MOVE

Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 35, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship leading to hopefully more. Box 430854

FRIENDS FIRST

Female, 47, caring, separated, I enjoy nights in/out, reading, walking, various activities, just separated for a friend and the see from there! Box 437420

SOMEONE TO SHARE

Sincere, easygoing lady, 59, animal lover, non-smoker, GSOH, enjoys dancing, socialising, travel, days out, WLTW genuine male with similar interests for friendship/relationship. Thetford area. Box 441011

THE GOOD THINGS IN LIFE

59yr old young-at-heart, loving woman, I am hoping to meet a kindred spirit who loves animals, going for walks and the romantic side of life. Box 900143

LADY IN WAITING

Caring, loyal and young-at-heart lady, 65, 5'11, blonde hair, looking for someone nice, friendly, who likes eating out, restaurants, holidays, for company. Box 899242

FRESH AIR

Smart, attractive, bubbly blonde, 71, medium build, N/S, own house, GSOH, lives on coast, enjoys most things, WLTW smart gentleman for friendship, maybe more. Box 438147

Women seeking women

2 OR 3 OF A KIND!

23yr old lively, petite bisexual female, WLTW a busy lady female and/or male for fun, friendship and possibly more. Box 441085

RED OR WHITE?

40-year-old gay woman, likes nice wine, candlelight, the sea, passionate people and places, muddy walks and cozy nights in, WLTW gay woman for friendship/relationship. Box 894541

GENTLE

Caring, short brown-haired woman, 43, 5'10, loves good food, cinemas, pubs, cozy nights in, seeking someone special for friendship and possible relationship. Box 440675

SENSUAL HEALING

49yrs young female, genuine, 5'12, medium build, blonde, looking to meet sensual, feminine lady, up to 55, with great gifts, for sensual fun. Box 438851

TAKE A CHANCE

I'm 44, average build & looks, enjoy travelling, pubs, walks on beaches, seeking a lady to give lots of love to. Brighton. Box 440885

MY DAUGHTER

MADE ME DO THIS...
Dad of two, widowed, 45, 5'10, blonde hair/blue eyes, genuine, caring, laidback, enjoys socialising, the outdoors, travel, seeking friendship/relationship again, maybe Box 441148

TO SHARE MY LIFE

Active male, 44, 6'2", slim/medium, blue eyes, brown hair, enjoys most things in life, especially travelling and adventures. Seeking female for company or more. Box 923093

WHY WAIT?

Clean shaven, happy male, 45, stocky build, 5'10", smoker, single Dad of blue eyes, looking for friendship/relationship, leading to a LTR. Hailsham Box 409782

SHARE THE GOOD LIFE

Professional male, 45, own home/car, likes cinema, weekends away, the coast, a BBQ and good wine, looking for friendship, hopefully more. Box 426202

WRITTEN IN THE STARS?

Genuine and intelligent male, 48, young-looking, 5'10, broad chest, teeth into astrology & birth charts, seeking spiritually-minded woman for deep conversations and lasting, special companionship/relationship. Box 441058

JOIN ME, COMPLETE US

I'm 50 with two grown up kids, love country pubs, walks, life, GSOH, WLTW a nice lady to get to know of any age. Box 439922

SMILES ON FACES

Kind male, 50, 5'11, 5'11, N/S, two boys (19 and 16), likes eating out, visiting London, weekends! Looking for kind, caring lady. Looks not important. Box 425308

MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP?

Loving male, 33, 6'11, fair hair/blue eyes, slim, I like cinema, theatre, meals out, cozy nights in with a take away, keeping fit. Box 428767

ALL ABOUT US

I'm Andy, 35, work full time, own car, N/S, faithful natured, reliable, no ties, no kids, WLTW a nice lady to woo and win! Box 893907

SECURITY & WARMTH

I'm 35, 6'11, have a beautiful 3yr old little girl, very honest, caring, looking for someone I can love and make a new life with... Box 896178

CARDIAC ARREST

Large guy with personality to match, 40, WLTW man, genuine, loving, uncomplicated lady to mend my battered and bleeding, but not down heart! Box 891323

BRING BACK LOVE

Attractive guy, not to be with, laid-back, I'm 41, 5'10, slim/medium stocky build, brown hair, own business/home, enjoys walks, pubs, wine, restaurants, cinema. Box 430266

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MOTORS NEWS



Kent group adds Kia to its portfolio

MOTOR group Drake & Fletcher has added fast-growing Kia to its franchises.

The Korean brand joins Mazda and Hyundai on an existing site at Ashford Orbital Park, where Drake & Fletcher also has a separate Honda dealership.

Hyundai and Kia are sister brands, but D&F sees Kia fitting in as the sporting arm of the partnership – the low slung three-door Kia Proceed hatchback was launched this year – and Kia's seven-year warranty on selected models is a unique selling point in the UK.

Drake & Fletcher was founded in 1898 and, four generations on, is still owned and run by members of the founder's family.



New Patriot kit is the height of bling

JEEP has unveiled extra bling available for its attractively-priced junior model line-up, the Patriot.

Credible on and off-road and able to average 42mpg in best-selling 2.0-litre diesel form, the Patriot (from £15,995) can be equipped with a chrome grille, bodykit, sports suspension and 20-inch alloys.

The 'bling' packs start from £999 and owners can also specify an 'SE Lifestyle' interior at £1,199 and bringing leather effect centre armrest cover, four chrome loud speaker rings, chrome gearshift gate, leather gear knob and leather effect toppings.



Commute to work via the Skoda Greenline

SKODA dealers now have the greenest version of the new Fabia supermini in stock.

The 1.4 TDI Fabia Greenline can average around 70mpg and, with CO2 emissions of just 109g/km of CO2, is exempt from the London congestion charge – Kent car commuters take note.

This Czech eco car – £11,490 and £12,140 in hatch and estate form respectively – achieves this miserly feat through higher gearing, better aerodynamics and weight saved by replacing the spare tyre with a puncture repair kit.



STAR BUY: Despite its celestial name, the Daihatsu Sirion is a down-to-earth supermini with big car abilities, offering low fuel consumption and a surprisingly spacious interior

Space and star appeal of the Sirion supermini

MAJOR car makers have tried to register every possible model name, forcing others to come up with weird permutations.

So Daihatsu offers a supermini called the Sirion. The name could come from Lord of the Rings or starstruck marketing types allying Sirius with Orion – both probably owned by Ford – in the hope of ascendance on the sales front.

But there is nothing Tolkien-esque or celestial about the Sirion – it is a down-to-earth little car for the real world.

Underpinnings from the more expensive Toyota Yaris are clothed by a superbly practical and age-less five-door body and prices are competitive, from £7,495.

The three-cylinder 1.0-litre I had driven previously is the economy star, if rather sluggish and noisy. It averages around 55mpg and emits 118g/km of CO2, qualifying for just £35 a year road tax.

A far better all-rounder is the four-cylinder 1.3 (from £7,995) tested here; it is more refined

ROAD TEST DAIHATSU SIRION

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

and flexible with decent low down power, yet averages nearly 50mpg even if road tax jumps to the next band (£120/year) due to emissions of 137g/km.

However, this version is claimed to have the world's first self-regenerating catalyst, for a longer life and lower maintenance costs.

There is also a 1.5-litre version, but I question its relevance to what the Sirion is about, for this is a small and economical car with big car abilities – a brilliant all-rounder. It might sound like a Noddy motor, but bulbous wheelarches and a rakish window line give this boxy car some extra presence.

It carries five properly and split rear seats fold flat easily to create a van-like rear section or two other permutations. The rake of the rear rests can also be set to two positions and the car is packed with stowage bins and cubby holes.

Ride quality on a relatively long wheelbase is good and the 1.3-litre can be driven with passion too; the high body rolls a little, but grip is rarely compromised.

Air-con is fitted as standard and mid-spec SE brings alloys and rear parking sensors.



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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

CONVERTIBLES

SUMMER is here at last and our thoughts turn to convertibles, even if open top cars are regarded more and more as all-year round purchases, partly because of the growing breed of folding hardtop or 'coupe convertible' models that offer better looks and security. This week's mix of used buys covers this new type but also takes a close look at the excellent Mazda MX-5 – the affordable roadster that has done more than any other car to make the UK one of Europe's biggest markets for convertibles – despite the weather.

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MAZDA MX-5



NOW into its third generation, the original MX-5 was inspired by classic British Triumph, MG and Lotus sports cars. Given Japanese reliability, it faced criticism over its lack of outright power and is more famous for its beautifully balanced handling. Models hold their value well, although an influx of 'Eunos' used imports from Japan drove down prices for the Lotus-lookalike MkI and the latest MkIII offers beefier looks and the most creature comforts, if you can stretch the budget.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

VAUXHALL ASTRA



VAUXHALL surprised everybody with the success of the original Astra convertible, followed up with the brilliant Astra TwinTop – the name inspired by the electronic folding metal roof. Both four-seaters look good with the roof up or down and the TwinTop is a particularly good achievement when so many of its coupe convertible rivals look ungainly or 'boot heavy'. As with many 'chopped' hatchback convertibles, there is some body flex on both models, but don't let this break a deal.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

PEUGEOT 206CC



MERCEDES pioneered folding metal roof convertibles with the SLK in the 1990s, but Peugeot brought the type to the mass market with the big-selling and plentiful 206CC. Based on the French marque's 206 hatchback and biggest seller, the 206CC even had two seats in the back, although it should never be considered anything more than a 2+2. While relatively affordable, there have also been reliability problems with the temperamental roof mechanism.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

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2006 (56) FIESTA 2.0 ST 3 DOOR HIGH SPECIFICATION Performance Blue, Climate Control, Side Stripes, Full Leather, 1 Owner, 10,000 miles**£9,989**



2007 (07) FIESTA 1.25 ZETEC CLIMATE 3 DOOR Tango Red, Air Conditioning, Technology Pack, 1 Owner, 4,000 miles**£7,495**



2007 (07) FOCUS 1.6 115PS ZETEC CLIMATE 5 DOOR Moonlight Silver, Air Conditioning, Fuel Computer, Alloy Wheels, 1 Owner, 13,000 miles**£8,995**



2007 (07) FOCUS 2.0 CONVERTIBLE-COUPÉ CC-3 Aqua Metallic, Luxury Pack, 1 Owner, Delivery Mileage**£16,995**



2007 (07) GALAXY 2.0TDCI GHIA 7 SEATER White Grape, Climate Control, Park Assist, Cruise Control, 6 CD Player, 13,000 miles**£16,995**



2007 (07) S-MAX 2.0TDCI TITANIUM 7 SEATER Stardust Silver, Cruise Control, 1 Owner, 13,000 miles**£16,995**

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2007 (07) FIESTA 2.0 ST 3 DOOR Performance Blue, Technology Pack, Privacy Glass, Side Stripes, 1 Owner, 11,000 miles **£9,995**

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2007 (07) FOCUS 2.5 ST-3 5 DOOR Performance Blue, Climate Control, Global Closing, Visibility Pack, Park Assist, 11,000 miles **£15,995**

2007 (07) FOCUS 2.5 ST-3 3DOOR Panther Black, Ebony Recaro Leather Trim, 1 Owner, 12,000 miles **£15,995**

2008 (08) FOCUS 2.0 CONVERTIBLE-COUPÉ CC-3 Aqua Metallic, Luxury Pack, 1 Owner, Delivery Miles Only **£16,995**

2007 (07) FOCUS 2.0TDCI CONVERTIBLE-COUPÉ CC-3 Luna Metallic, Air Conditioning, Half Leather, 1 Owner, Delivery Miles Only **£17,995**

HATCHBACK

2005 (05) FIESTA 1.6 GHIA 5 DOOR Tonic, Air Conditioning, CD Player, 20,000 miles **£6,980**

2007 (07) FIESTA 1.25 ZETEC CLIMATE 3 DOOR Tango Red, Air Conditioning, Technology Pack, 1 Owner, 4,000 miles **£7,495**

2007 (07) FIESTA 1.4 ZETEC CLIMATE 5 DOOR Panther Black, Air Conditioning, 1 Owner, 11,000 miles **£8,495**

2005 (05) FUSION 3.1 6 5 DOOR Honour Green Metallic, CD Player, Air Conditioning, 1 Owner, 11,000 miles **£6,490**

AUTOMATIC

2004 (04) FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC EDGE 5 DOOR Panther Black, Air Conditioning, 40,000 miles **£5,995**

2006 (06) FOCUS 1.6 100PS GHIA 5 DOOR Panther Black, Leather Trim, Air Conditioning, 1 Owner, 25,000 miles **£8,695**

2007 (07) FOCUS 1.6 115PS ZETEC CLIMATE 5 DOOR Moonlight Silver, Air Conditioning, 1 Owner, 13,000 miles **£9,995**

2005 (05) FOCUS 2.0 16V TITANIUM 5 DOOR Sea Grey, Air Conditioning, DVD Sat Nav, 37,000 miles **£9,495**

2006 (06) MONDEO 2.0 16V GHIA 5 DOOR Panther Black, Climate Control, Cruise Control, 12,500 miles **£9,995**

DIESEL HATCHBACK / ESTATE

2005 (05) FOCUS GHIA 1.6 AUTOMATIC 5 DOOR Tonic, Air Conditioning, Cruise Control, 1 Owner, 45,000 miles **£8,495**

2005 (05) MONDEO 2.0 16V LX AUTOMATIC 5 DOOR Honour Green Metallic, Air Conditioning, Cruise Control, 26,000 miles **£9,995**

2007 (07) FIESTA 1.4TDCI ZETEC CLIMATE 5 DOOR Moonlight Silver, Air Conditioning, Fuel Computer, 1 Owner, 12,000 miles **£9,995**

2007 (07) C-MAX 1.6TDCI ZETEC MPV 5 DOOR Tonic Metallic, Air Conditioning, 1 Owner, 13,000 miles **£10,995**

2004 (04) MONDEO 2.0TDCI 115PS GHIA 5 DOOR Deep Rosso Red, Climate Control, Fuel Computer, 1 Owner, 50,000 miles **£5,995**

MPV / MPV DIESEL

2007 (07) GALAXY 1.8TDCI ZETEC 7 SEATER Tonic Metallic, Climate Control, 1 Owner, 12,000 miles **£16,995**

2007 (07) GALAXY 2.0TDCI GHIA 7 SEATER White Grape, Climate Control, 1 Owner, 13,000 miles **£16,995**

2007 (07) GALAXY 2.0TDCI GHIA 7 SEATER Blue Ambition, Charcoal Leather Trim, Climate Control, 1 Owner, 11,000 miles **£17,995**

2007 (07) GALAXY 2.0TDCI GHIA X PACK 7 SEATER Ink Blue, Black Leather, Panorama Roof, 1 Owner, 14,000 miles **£18,995**

2007 (07) S-MAX 2.0TDCI TITANIUM 7 SEATER Stardust Silver, Cruise Control, 1 Owner, 13,000 miles **£16,995**

2007 (07) S-MAX 2.0TDCI TITANIUM DVD NAV 7 SEATER Stardust Silver, DVD Navigation, Convers+, 1 Owner, 12,000 miles **£17,995**

EX-DEMONSTRATORS

2007 (07) KA STYLE CLIMATE 1.3 3 DOOR Bright Yellow, Air Conditioning, Heated Front Screen, CD Player, 1 Owner, 8,000 miles **£5,495**

2007 (07) FIESTA 1.4 ZETEC CLIMATE 5 DOOR Moonlight Silver, Air Conditioning, Auto Lights/Wipers, Power Folding Mirrors, 1 Owner, 16,000 miles **£7,995**

2007 (07) FOCUS 2.0TDCI TITANIUM 5 DOOR Ocean Blue, Air Conditioning, Auto Lights/Wipers, Privacy Glass, 1 Owner, 5,000 miles **£14,995**

2007 (07) MONDEO 2.5 PETROL TURBO TITANIUM X 4DR Panther Black, DVD Navigation, Alcantara Leather, 1 Owner, 12,000 miles **£17,995**

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(O3) Peugeot 307 2.0 HDI GLX, Metallic Green£4499.00

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(06) Peugeot 206 Verse 1.4, Alloys, Air Con, e/w, PAS, Met Blue/Silver£5599.00

(51) Volvo V70 2.4 SE Estate, Met Blue, Leather trim£4999.00

(54) Peugeot 206s 3 dr hatch 1400cc, 16k miles, blue, alloys£4995.00

(53) Ford Focus Zetec 1600cc 16v Silver 62k mls 5dr hatch£4799.00

(03) 307 Rapier, 1600cc 16v 3dr£4499.00

(04) Smart Pulse Black 36,000 Miles£4444.00

(03) Citroen Saxo VTS, Blue, fully loaded, low miles£3999.00

(52) Peugeot 206 1.4 LX 3 door hatch met blue 50k mls, e/w, c/l, pas£3699.00

(04) Peugeot Berlingo Van HDI PAS, e/w, c/l£3699.00

(52) Vauxhall Vectra Elegance 1.8 (new shape), Red, fully loaded£3599.00

(53) Vauxhall Combe 1.6 LPG Euro, White Gas Bi-Fuel Van, equal to 70mpg£3499.00

(51) Renault Clio Dynamique, High spec, aircon, alloys, e/w, sunroof, low miles only 32k£3499.00

(03) Peugeot 106 Independence, Light met Blue, PAS, 3 Door£2899.00

(Y) Reg Vauxhall Corsa Expression 12 valve, red, 22k miles£2999.00

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For an application form contact: KCA (UK) Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT. Tel: 01795 590635, Fax: 01795 539351, Email recruitment@kca.org.uk, website www.kca.org.uk

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Interview date: TBC

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VR: 000632

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Men better at saving but ISAs undervalued

MEN are putting more cash into savings accounts than women, according to new research from Yorkshire Building Society, which has branches in Canterbury and Chatham.

The statistics show that 62 per cent of people have at least £1,000 in a savings account and that men were 50 per cent more likely than women to have such an account.

However, the research also highlighted that more than a third of the people with more than £1,000 in savings don't have a tax-free ISA – individual savings account.

This means that there could be around 15 million people in the UK paying more money to the taxman than they should.

Businesses stay strong

MANUFACTURERS and retailers in the South East are being warned to remain vigilant and protect themselves against the credit crunch, despite a fall in the overall number of firms going into administration.

The Forum of Private Business, which has many members in the county, says that according to accountancy firm Deloitte, 282 businesses in London and the South East went into administration in the first quarter of 2008, compared to 288 in the same period of 2007.

Matt Goodman, the forum's policy representative, said: "Deloitte's figures represent how strong and resilient small businesses can be in the face of a tough economic climate."

Medway – focus of day

A RECENT one-day symposium – entitled Medway Lives, Gateway Futures: History, Community and Place – brought together more than 60 academics, policymakers and community group representatives for a series of talks and discussions.

The event was staged at the University of Kent's Medway campus in Chatham Maritime.

Topics under review included the legacy of industrialisation, regeneration and construction work, religion in everyday life and traveller communities.

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A new £1.6 million resource centre in Sittingbourne aims to improve skills shortages in science

It's personal – firms at risk because they don't have insurance

A STAGGERING one third of small enterprises in the South East are putting everything at risk – their business, employees and customers – by operating without any business insurance, according to new research.

If misfortune were to strike up to 25,500 of the region's 725,000 small businesses owners could be risking their homes by operating without insurance because they have personal guarantees against their business.

The nationwide survey of firms employing up to fifty people, carried out by OnePoll for Insurantz.com, uncovered a worrying attitude towards insurance.

In the South East, more than one in ten respondents were unsure whether they were insured and 29 per cent admitted to having little or no idea what their policy covers.

George Derbyshire, chief executive of the National Federation of Enterprise Agencies, said: "I am shocked by the results of this survey. Running a business is all about risk-taking, but we would always advocate a managed and informed approach to risk."

"Sensible entrepreneurs discuss the issues with their advisers in the knowledge that getting this wrong can be disastrous in human, financial and legal terms."

A quarter of small businesses in the South East could also face legal action as they were unaware that temporary workers and sub-contractors must be covered under statutory employers' liability insurance.

Uncovered companies risk heavy fines of up to £2,500 a day by failing to provide cover.

Last year there were more than 105,000 employer's liability personal injury claims.

Failure to adequately insure is put down to the restrictive red tape which causes small businesses to spend hours filling in forms.

A third of respondents to the survey said arranging business insurance was too time-consuming and overly complicated, and this has pushed it very low in some people's priorities.

THE LAW: Your employer is responsible for your health and safety while you are at work. If you are injured as a result of an accident at work, or become ill as a result of your work, and if you believe your employer is responsible, you may seek compensation.

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LIABILITY: One third of small firms does not have business insurance

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Gray has too much zing for Ping in final

TABLE tennis young gun Lewis Gray became the under-14 national champion at the English Table Tennis Championships at Norwich.

Gray, from Benenden, cruised to the U14 title by only dropping one game against Ho Ping.

He met Essex-based Reece Tan in the final and won all three games, 11-9, 11-9 and 11-5, to claim the title.

The youngster has also been the U10 and U12 national champion.

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Kent motorsport team Jota Sport prepare for 24-hour Le Mans event

Tenterden can thank Tiger Timir for win

TIMIR Chanda's impressive performance with both bat and ball helped Tenterden secure their first win of the season.

Chanda went on to score an unbeaten 64 as Tenterden chased down a target of 154 set by Sibton Park, who were looking to get off the foot of the Division One table.

Sibton's Steve Hickmott and Christopher Spring each scored half-century's getting the visitors off to a flying start. However, once Spring and Hickmott were dismissed by Chanda, the innings broke up.

Just 12 more runs were put on for the remaining seven wickets as Chanda grabbed another four wickets for Tenterden and ended with six wickets at

CRICKET

BY TOM HOWARD

the expense of 22 runs. Tim Curteis also claimed three wickets and Ben Daking took the final one in a solid bowling display from Tenterden.

It took 47 overs for Tenterden to march to victory. Paul Brann and Chanda hit the winning runs, with seven wickets in hand. Their second win of the season moved them into mid-table.

Tenterden will hope to continue their form into next week's mid-table clash against Orpington. A second consecutive win could see them overtake Orpington and claim fifth spot.



VICTORY: Tenterden secured their first win of the season in style

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Tenterden CC - 1st XI v Sibton Park CC - 1st XI

Sibton Park	Runs	Tenterden	Runs
Steve Hickmott ct Brann b Chanda	53	Tim Curteis b Allon	22
Andy Allon ct Price b Daking	17	Nick Hall lbw b Spring	32
Christopher Spring b Chanda	51	Paul Brann not out	26
George Leadbetter ct Hall b Chanda	0	Andrew Crawford ct Hobbs b Spring	0
Ben Allon ct Brann b Chanda	1	Timir Chanda not out	64
Steve Hobbs ct Price b Chanda	0	Ben Daking did not bat	0
Martin Wre b Chanda	7	Daniel McDonald did not bat	0
Bryan Washer b Curteis	0	Alistair Neale did not bat	0
Tim Smith ct Crawford b Curteis	3	Ben Price did not bat	0
Sam Newman ct Neale b Curteis	1	Mark Baker did not bat	0
Trevor Lewis not out	0	Neil Crowley did not bat	0
Extras (4b 6lb 6w 5nb) 21		Extras (5b 2lb 6w 1nb) 14	
Total (all out, 47.1 overs)	154	Total (3 wickets, 47 overs)	158

Bowlers	O	M	R	W	Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Neil Crowley	0	0	27	0	Sam Newman	8	1	38	0
Ben Daking	9	1	37	1	Trevor Lewis	8	2	31	0
Alistair Neale	8	1	24	0	Christopher Spring	11	5	23	2
Mark Baker	7	0	29	0	Andy Allon	12	5	35	1
Timir Chanda	12	2	22	6	Ben Allon	8	0	24	0
Tim Curteis	4.1	3	5	3					

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1A

Deal Victoria & Barnes Close CC - 1st XI v Wye CC - 1st XI

THE LAST wicket partnership of Matt Barlow and Edward Hoyle hit the winning runs for Wye in a hard fought game against Deal Victoria & Barnes Close.

An exciting run chase decided the result in this fixture as the game went down to the last wicket.

The home side chose to bat first and posted a target of 139 runs after being bowled out in the 45th over.

With just four overs to spare, Wye secured victory which was set up by Kyle McAllister and Stuart Wise who hit 66 runs between them.

Deal Victoria & Barnes Close

	Runs
Austen Marsh	22
Matthew Carley	2
Sam Kilip	5
Brendan Schiller	0
Robbie Brannan	38
Andrew Miller	20
Matthew Hudson	8
Stephen Moran	3
Alex Hinkins	8
Scott McNamara	9
Graham McNamara	3

Extras (4b 7lb 8w) 19
Total (all out, 45 overs) 139

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Edward Hoyle	12	5	17	2
Jordan Reed-Ashton	12	2	23	3
Kyle McAllister	10	1	31	2
Stuart Wise	8	0	40	3
Matt Barlow	3	0	16	0

Wye

	Runs
Kyle McAllister	22
Tom Richardson	30
Daniel Noden	7
Stuart Wise	36
Nick Eve	20
Jordan Reed-Ashton	1
Brian Hamley	3
Richard Elgar	1
Edward Hoyle	6
Ben Houston	1
Matt Barlow	1

Extras (5b 2lb 5w) 12
Total (9 wickets, 46 overs) 140

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Alex Hinkins	6	1	21	0
Scott McNamara	11	1	37	6
Sam Kilip	4	0	15	0
Graham McNamara	12	3	27	1
Brendan Schiller	4	0	11	1
Stephen Moran	9	2	21	1

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Dartford CC - 1st XI v Ashford Town CC - 1st XI

AN EIGHTH-wicket stand of 67 between Simon Taylor and Gavin Hope saw Ashford Town secure victory in a high-scoring game in Division Two.

Dartford won the toss and elected to bat first and it looked to be the right choice after Michael Wood plundered 74 runs. Once Ashford's bowlers kicked into gear they managed to reduce Dartford to 169 runs with Taylor grabbing three wickets.

In reply Julian Day, Liam Tegg and Tim Pichowski put on 72 runs, leaving Hope and Taylor to guide them past Dartford's total for the win.

Dartford

	Runs
Michael Wood	74
Garry Cook	0
Ron Turner	11
Gavin Pointer	22
Mark Lewis-Ranwell	3
Jan Rossiter	16
Chris Round	10
Lee Gray	8
Viraj Bist	6
Sam Jewiss	1
M Collier	0

Extras (1b 4lb 2w 1nb) 8
Total (all out, 49.2 overs) 169

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Mohsin Raza	14	2	39	2
Simon Taylor	15	5	45	3
Alex Watson	10.2	1	45	2
Liam Tegg	10	0	35	2

Ashford Town

	Runs
Julian Day	26
Luke Reeves	0
Liam Tegg	22
Tim Pichowski	24
James Watson	7
Stuart Paine	14
Shannon Fattore	4
Simon Taylor	39
Gavin Hope	28
Alex Watson	0
Mohsin Raza	0

Extras (8lb 1nb) 9
Total (7 wickets, 48.4 overs) 173

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Viraj Bist	15	2	50	0
Sam Jewiss	10	4	33	3
Jan Rossiter	14.4	3	45	3
Lee Gray	4	0	17	0
M Collier	5	1	20	0

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION TWO - 2ND XI

Canterbury 2nd XI v Ashford Town 2nd XI

ASHFORD Town 2nd XI were unable to reply to a strong Canterbury innings and fell short of victory by 40 runs.

Mark Slaughter top scored for Canterbury with 48 runs before falling to the bowling of Rob Hoad. Ashford's bowlers could only restrict Canterbury to 183 in their allotted 50 overs, leaving them a tough run chase for victory.

The best of the bowlers was Chris Senior, who claimed 2-21 from his four overs.

Ashford could only post a total of 143, despite Gary Sutton scoring 42 and Sam Kennett hitting an unbeaten 30.

Canterbury

	Runs
Mark Slaughter	48
David Sayle	12
Christopher Jay	28
Stuart Drakeley	27
Dale Clarkson	13
Daniel Bennett	15
Simon Smith	7
Daniel Dolman	0
Gerald Sullivan	0
Robert Walker	0
Patrick Kelleher	0

Extras (6b 4lb 20w 3nb) 33
Total (5 wickets, 50 overs) 183

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Sam Kennett	9	2	19	1
Chris Senior	4	0	21	2
James Rand	15	4	41	4
Rob Hoad	12	0	59	1

Ashford Town

	Runs
Darren Bailey	19
Neil Tegg	15
Gary Sutton	42
Ben Ealham	5
Sam Kennett	30
James Rand	0
Dean Clark	4
Chris Senior	2
Rob Hoad	0
Matthew Eccles	6
Peter Roffe	0

Extras (13b 4lb 2w 1nb) 20
Total (all out, 48 overs) 143

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Dale Clarkson	6	1	13	0
Patrick Kelleher	7	0	16	1
Gerald Sullivan	15	2	34	3
Robert Walker	14	5	36	3
Stuart Drakeley	6	0	27	3

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Ashford Town 3rd XI v Holmesdale 1st XI

A LARGE total of 235 set by Holmesdale proved to be too much for Ashford Town 3rd XI to chase as they were bowled out for 172.

Holmesdale were in command from the word go with opener Matt Topliss scoring 70 and Graham Purdy following up with the game's top score of 87.

There was little Ashford could do to chase down the target, despite starting their reply well with Jason Boulter quickly notching up 42. It was Holmesdale who claimed the win by 63 runs.

Holmesdale

	Runs
Matt Topliss	70
David Roffey	2
Max Melbourn	0
Stuart Brown	4
Graham Purdy	87
Oliver Jones	38
Jack Redden	4
Toby May	5
Mark Epps	0
Carl Nightingale	0
Daniel Himsforth	0

Extras (6b 8lb 9w 2nb) 25
Total (6 wickets dec, 47 overs) 235

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Darren Cooper	14	4	45	1
Thomas Bailey	14	3	75	4
Steven Blunt	9	0	40	0
Simon Berry	5	0	44	0
Jason Boulter	5	2	17	1

Ashford Town

	Runs
Jason Boulter	42
Thomas Bailey	11
Simon Berry	36
Asham Raza	16
Daren Hawkes (jnr)	12
David Coulson	20
Darren Cooper	6
Steven Blunt	4
Andrew Smith	0
David Foad	0
Tom Millard	0

Extras (4b 5lb 8w 8nb) 25
Total (all out, 48.4 overs) 172

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Toby May	13	2	48	3
Max Melbourn	9	1	17	0
Carl Nightingale	6	1	15	0
David Roffey	15	3	62	5
Mark Epps	5	0	19	0
Stuart Brown	0.4	0	2	2

Town boss closing in on new striker

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

ASHFORD Town boss Steve Lovell has revealed the striker he has been in negotiations with this month will be coming to The Homelands soon.

Lovell announced last week he was close to signing a new striker to replace Walid Matata, who was released at the end of last season. The former Wales international has been told by the striker that he will be joining the club once terms are agreed.

Lovell told Yourashford: "We have not been able to sign the striker as of yet, but we are still in negotiations with him. Hopefully we can get something sorted soon."

"The striker has told me he will be coming to the club so it will go ahead. It is just a matter of time before we can come to an arrangement with his old club."

The search has also begun to find a replacement for assistant Rob Udberg, who has left the club due to academic commitments.

Lovell said: "I have been in talks with a replacement for Rob as my assistant and if he agrees I think he will be valuable member of the team. I have given him some time for him to make a decision. Rob will still be involved in pre-season and will help out when he can."

After nine games were cancelled last sea-



UNDERWAY: Work has begun on the new drainage system at The Homelands, which should be finished in time for the start of the season

son at The Homelands due to a waterlogged pitch, work has begun on a new drainage system that should be finished in time for the new season.

Lovell added: "Work has started on the

drainage for the pitch, which is good news.

"Directors Don Crosbie and Tony Betteridge have been true to their word and I hope it will all be finished and in place by the start of the season."

Reeves bitten by the Isle of Man TT bug

SIDECARS

SIDECAR ace Tim Reeves has confirmed he will be racing in next year's Isle of Man TT after securing the best finish by a rookie in the event for 30 years.

Reeves and passenger Patrick Farrance secured third place in race one and a sixth-place finish in last Wednesday's second race on the 37.7-mile course.

The Ashford rider is already preparing for a second assault on the island next year and is looking for a faster bike.

Reeves told Yourashford: "I will definitely be competing in next year's event without doubt and I hope we will be able to get a faster bike."

"I have already sold my machine so I am looking to a new bike which we can put our year of experience into for 2009."

"In the second race we were flying, but the pace of the bike cost us. If we could have squeezed another one mile an hour out of the machine in our average speed times, we would have been fighting right at the sharp end."

The three-time world champion shocked both fellow competitors and spectators with his pace



PREPARING: Tim Reeves cannot wait for next year's Isle of Man TT

on the TT course by setting the fastest ever lap by a rookie.

"There were a lot of doubters when we announced our entry into the event and we have proved them all wrong. Many people said that because we are used to riding a faster bike on race circuits instead of roads that we would struggle, but we showed them."

Reeves is back in action in the World Championship on June 20.

Markham gets Wildcard to race Rossi and Toseland

SUPERBIKES

SUPERBIKE rider Toby Markham has been given a wild card entry to the Moto GP 250cc British Grand Prix at Donington Park next week.

The rider from Sellindge will get the chance to compete against the world's best 250cc riders after his entry was accepted by the sport's governing body, the FIM.

Markham will ride the Canterbury-based BM Groundworks Yamaha at the event in front of crowds exceeding 100,000 at the Derbyshire circuit.

Markham will get to mix with some of the sports most famous riders, including Valentino Rossi and British hope James Toseland.

The 20-year-old will be hoping to improve on his 17th place finish in the event last year, but he knows that his Yamaha machine will fall short of the works teams.

Markham said: "I'm delighted with the opportunity to ride for the second time at my home Grand Prix. Last year, in monsoon like conditions, many of the GP regular riders crashed out of the race. I was able to stay on and finish. I don't mind the wet, but I



WILD CARD: Toby Markham is eager to compete with best in the world

hope this year's event runs in dry conditions.

He added: "Of course our private bikes have a serious power deficiency in comparison to the big budget factory teams."

"Nonetheless, the opportunity to race against the world's best, at my home Grand Prix will give me invaluable experience."

"I'm really excited about the prospect and will be giving it my all."



UNBEATEN: Neil Dexter hit 101 against Somerset

CRICKET

Impressive ton-up Dexter keeps cool

KENT Spitfires are through to the semi-final of the Friends Provident Trophy where they will play holders Durham Dynamos after holding their nerve in a tense 37-run win over Somerset Sabres.

Rob Key's side were indebted to 23-year-old Neil Dexter's unbeaten 101 and some excellent bowling at the death from Pakistani all-rounders Yasir Arafat and Azhar Mahmood.

Key, who hit a fluent 73 for the Spitfires in a stand of 104 with Dexter, was delighted with the young batsman's attitude despite suffering a slow start after coming in at the last minute for Martin van Jaarsveld.

He said: "In one-day cricket there's nothing worse than not having the scoreboard ticking over. He found it hard to get going and that's the time when a lot of players would panic and throw their wicket away."

"The impressive thing about his innings was he managed to put it to the back of his mind and accelerate. To get 100 at almost a run-a-ball after his start is some achievement."

The Kent skipper is now looking forward to an entertaining clash at Durham's Riverside Ground on either July 4 or 5.

He said: "They are a decent side and the defending champions, but we won the Twenty20 last year and we seem to play our at best in the knock-out stages."

"Winning some silverware gives us that extra bit of confidence but it all depends what happens on the day and it will be a pretty tough fixture."

While the Spitfires are gearing up for the semi-final, they have been preparing for the defence of their Twenty20 crown which starts with a game against old adversaries Sussex at the St Lawrence Ground.

With the announcement that the winner of this year's competition will be entered into the inaugural Champions League, the Spitfires will be looking to make it to finals day again at the Rose Bowl on July 26.

Play starts at 5.40pm. For updates visit www.yourashford.co.uk.

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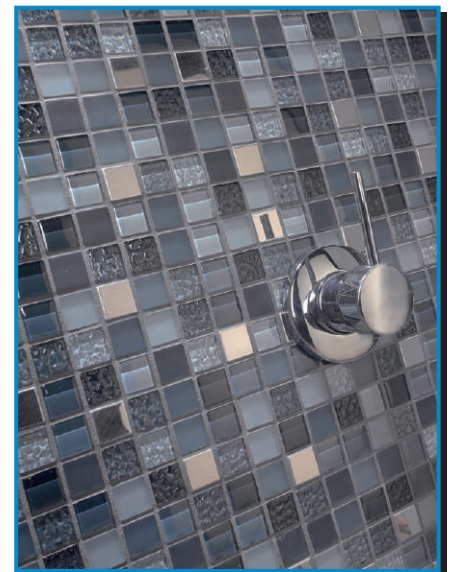
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